

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 154

WHEREAS, New Jersey's military installations are essential components of our State's integrated economy and social fabric, contributing economic and societal benefits to communities all across the State; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who live and work in our military installations are an indispensable part of our State and our Nation, defending our country through active duty service, service in the National Guard, service in critical reserve functions, and service in essential civilian roles; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's military installations contribute billions of dollars directly and indirectly to our State's economy; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the stability and growth of all New Jersey military installations is essential to preserving and enhancing the quality of life for the tens of thousands of military and civilian employees who keep our State and our Nation secure and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2013, I signed Executive Order No. 134 (2013) establishing the New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force ("Task Force"), for the purpose of taking steps necessary and appropriate for the development of recommendations relating to additional military missions that will preserve, enhance, and strengthen the State's military installations; and

WHEREAS, in view of our fiscally austere times, federal officials are examining methods to potentially reduce military spending and the size of our nation's armed forces; and

WHEREAS, it is in New Jersey's best interests to undertake every effort to ensure that all New Jersey military installations remain a vibrant part of our State and to ensure that all New Jersey military installations are positioned to grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS, to best preserve our State's critically important military installations and ensure their stability and growth, State policymakers must make every effort to attract new missions and fresh projects on and near those installations; and

WHEREAS, over the last four years, the Lieutenant Governor has led my Administration's comprehensive, economic development strategy focused on growing the State's economy and attracting and retaining jobs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. Paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 134 (2013) is hereby amended to expand the membership of the Task Force by one member, from its current five (5) members to six (6) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the Governor's pleasure. The sixth member shall be the Lieutenant Governor, who shall serve as the chair of the Task Force.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
4th day of April,
Two Thousand and Fourteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Eighth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Christopher S. Porrino

Chief Counsel to the Governor