

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 197

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2010, I signed Executive Order No. 11 (2010) establishing a New Jersey Gaming, Sports, and Entertainment Advisory Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, to develop recommendations to implement a comprehensive, statewide approach concerning the needs of the State's gaming, professional sports, and entertainment industries; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2010, after receiving the Commission's final report, I signed Executive Order No. 34 (2010) extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2011, to support the implementation of the Commission's recommendations that I had accepted; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2011, I signed Executive Order No. 69 (2011) extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2012, to utilize the Commission's expertise in continuing to execute its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2012, I signed Executive Order No. 97 (2012) again extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2013, to, among other things, assist with the repositioning of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority within the Department of State; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2013, I signed Executive Order No. 136 (2013) again extending the Commission's existence until December 31, 2013, to continue the Commission's critical mission and to support the essential role that gaming, sports, and entertainment play in this State; and

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2013, I signed Executive Order No. 145 (2013) again extending the Commission's existence until December 31, 2014, to continue the Commission's important role

in enhancing our State's gaming, sports, and entertainment industries; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2014, I signed Executive Order No. 168 (2014) again extending the Commission's existence until December 31, 2015, in order to continue to support the implementation of its recommendations and to engage in other related matters; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's gaming, sports, and entertainment industries continue to be vitally important to the health of the State's economy and to enhancing the quality of life of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's tourism industry is equally important to the State's economy and faces many of the same challenges confronting the gaming, sports, and entertainment industries; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2014, the Commission submitted a report to the Governor finding that Atlantic City faces an economic and budgetary crisis and recommended that Atlantic City make immediate reforms to property taxation, pension payments, and municipal services in order to rectify its financial condition; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore appropriate to extend the Commission's existence for an additional period to continue its invaluable contributions to the State's gaming, sports, and entertainment industries, and to work towards the implementation of its most recent recommendations concerning Atlantic City's economic and budgetary crisis;

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. Executive Orders Nos. 34, 69, 97, 136, 145, and 168 are hereby superseded and Paragraph 6 of Executive Order No. 11 (2010) is amended to provide that the Commission shall not expire upon the issuance of its final report, but rather shall continue in existence until December 31, 2016, or such other date as I shall establish, in order to continue to support the implementation of its recommendations and to engage in any other related matters that are referred to the Commission by me or that meet with my approval.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
18th of December,
Two Thousand and Fifteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Fortieth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor