

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 134

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, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (hereinafter "the Joint Base") is the State's second largest employer, supporting more than 40,000 military and civilian employees and their families, and contributing more than \$7 billion annually to New Jersey's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Base supports more than 65,000 off-base jobs that further strengthen our State's security, well being, and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Base enjoys a unique national stature as the only military installation supporting active duty missions of the Department of the Air Force, the Department of the Army, and the Department of the Navy; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Air National Guard 177th Fighter Wing, Picatinny Arsenal, Naval Weapons Station Earle, the United States Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, the United States Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City, and the Army National Guard armories around the State are critically important to the State's economy and the nation's safety; 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, it is critical that New Jersey take all necessary and appropriate steps to preserve the stability of all military installations in the State; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that New Jersey further develop and enhance the operations of our State's military installations by attracting new missions and fresh projects on, and near those installations; 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;

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. There is created the "New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force" (hereinafter "the Task Force").

2. The Task Force shall consist of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the Governor's pleasure and will include the Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Choose New Jersey, a former member of New Jersey's Congressional delegation, and a

civilian member to be selected by the Task Force. All members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation. The Task Force shall organize as soon as practicable after the appointment of its members.

3. The Task Force is charged with, and shall take such steps as are necessary and appropriate for, the development of recommendations relating to additional military missions that will preserve, enhance, and strengthen the State's military installations.

4. The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, shall provide staff support to the Task Force. The Task Force shall be authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this State to supply it with any information, personnel, or other assistance available as the Task Force deems necessary to discharge its duties under this Order. Each department, office, division, and agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the Task Force within the limits of its statutory authority and to furnish the Task Force with such assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order. The Task Force may consult with experts or other knowledgeable individuals in the public, private, and military sectors on any aspect of its mission.

5. In formulating its recommendations pursuant to this Order, the Task Force may elicit public input from individuals, organizations, community groups, and other interested parties.

6. The Task Force may report to the Governor from time to time and shall issue a final report to the Governor setting forth the Task Force's recommendations pursuant to this Order no

later than twelve months after its organization. The Task Force shall expire upon the issuance of its final report.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
13th day of June,
Two Thousand and Thirteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Seventh.

[seal]

/s/Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor