

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 222**

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 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, on December 18, 2015, I signed Executive Order No. 197 (2015) further extending the Commission's existence until December 31, 2016, to maintain oversight of the Commission's recommendations concerning the economic and budgetary crisis that Atlantic City was and still is facing; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's gaming, sports, and entertainment industries continue to be in a state of transition and are 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, 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, entertainment, and tourism industries;

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, 168, and 197 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 January 16, 2018, or such other date as I shall establish, in order to continue to support the implementation of its recommendations and to provide advice concerning the gaming, sports, and entertainment industries and 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  
20<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
Two Thousand and Seventeen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Forty-First.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Gregory L. Acquaviva

Chief Counsel to the Governor