EXECUTIVE ORDER

NUMBER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: COMMISSION ON FAMILIES

WHEREAS, on November 15, 1982, as a result of the recommendations of the White House Conference and the Governor's Conference on Families, there was formed the Governor's Commission on Families; and

WHEREAS, On August 15, 1983, in accordance with its mandate, the Governor's Commission on Families submitted its Final Report and Recommendations, including a proposal for the establishment of a permanent Commission on Families for the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the broad-based endeavors of the Governor's Commission on Families over the course of its term, as reflected in its Final Report and Recommendations, demonstrates the need for its work to continue; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Governor's Commission on Families ended in August of 1983, with the submission of its Final Report and Recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PIERRE S. du PONT, IV, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order the following:

1. The Commission on Families is hereby established.
2. The Commission on Families shall consist of twenty-one (21) members appointed by the Governor, including one such member designated by the Governor as Chairperson. The members of the Commission shall be broadly representative of the families of Delaware and of the various institutions and agencies which service them. The composition of the Commission also shall comprise a broad geographic cross-section of the State.

3. The term of a member of the Commission on Families shall be three (3) years. Initially, the Governor shall designate seven (7) members to serve a one-year term, seven (7) members to serve a two-year term, and seven (7) members, including the Chairperson designated by the Governor, to serve a three-year term. Thereafter, appointments upon expiration of the initial terms shall be for a full three-year term. If any member fails to attend three successive meetings of the Commission, then the position may be deemed vacant, and, upon the recommendation of the Chairperson, the Governor may appoint a replacement.

4. The Commission on Families shall have the specific responsibility to:

(a) Define and prioritize problems affecting Delaware families and to propose solutions;
(b) Advise the Department of Public Instruction concerning the implementation of a preventative mental and physical health curriculum which emphasizes such topics as nutrition, dental care, substance abuse, positive self-image, human growth and development, and family life;
(c) Implement measures whereby governmental and industrial leaders become aware, through family impact analysis, of the impact of their policies and programs on families;
(d) Serve as a clearinghouse for providing information to the general public on issues of concern to families;
(e) Cooperate and work with the appropriate State and local agencies which are concerned with the problems of Delaware's families; and
(f) Perform such other tasks as the Governor may assign to it.

5. The Commission on Families shall make periodic reports to the Governor on its activities, and shall issue such other reports or assistance as the Governor from time to time may request.

APPROVED this 2nd day of December, 1983

[Signature]
Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State