WHEREAS, continued public confidence in the integrity of the Harness Racing Industry is vital to the State of Delaware; and,

WHEREAS, through the news media, reports from within the Executive Branch, and complaints from the public, problems and potential problems concerning supervision of Harness Racing in Delaware have come to light; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed desirable to appoint a Special Committee to undertake a prompt investigation of such problems and potential problems and render a report within a fixed period of time to the Governor, the Attorney General and the General Assembly with recommendations with respect to any such problems as are found to exist:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pierre S. duPont, IV, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware do hereby declare as follows:

1. The Governor's Special Harness Racing Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the Governor.

2. The Special Committee shall review and investigate the past and current practices of the Harness Racing Commission in the administration and enforcement of the applicable statutes, and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission, with respect to harness racing in Delaware. Any problems or potential problems referred to or uncovered by the Special Committee shall
be recorded and examined in detail. The Special Committee shall keep a record of its activities and render a Final Report as to its findings and recommendations with respect to harness racing administration and enforcement to the Governor, the Attorney General and the General Assembly.

3. If it deems advisable, the Special Committee shall include in its report and recommendations suggestions for any amended or new statutes, or Commission Rules and Regulations, which appear dictated by their findings.

4. The Final Report of the Special Committee shall be submitted on or before October 1, 1977.

5. Full cooperation and all requested staff assistance shall be provided for the work of the Special Committee by the Division of Business and Occupational Regulation, Department of Administrative services.

6. All State agencies, boards, commission, and departments shall make available to any member of the Special Committee or any other person duly authorized by the Chairman of the Special Committee, all records, books, accounts, documents or any other information, except to the extent that disclosure of any such information shall be otherwise specifically prohibited by statute; and the personnel of all such agencies, boards, commissions, and
departments are directed to cooperate with the members of the Special Committee and its authorized personnel in providing the Special Committee with the information which it shall require, including making themselves available for interview.

7. The existence of the Special Committee shall cease on October 1, 1977, unless extended by further Executive Order.

Approved this 26th day of July, 1977.

Pierre S. duPont, IV
Governor

Attest:

Glenn C. Kenton
Secretary of State