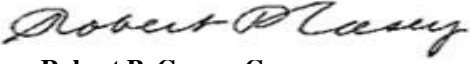


Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Subject:		Number:
State Commission on National and Community Service		1994-1
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January 28, 1994	B	 Robert P. Casey, Governor

WHEREAS, through the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps nearly 11,000 young men and women have gained skills and self-confidence while undertaking 600 resource conservation and improvement projects in 64 of the Commonwealth's 67 counties; and

WHEREAS, during the summer of 1993 the Pennsylvania Summer Youth Service Corps – the largest program of its kind in the United States – enrolled more than 5,000 young people and completed more than 600 valuable and needed community service projects statewide; and

WHEREAS, community service programs based in Pennsylvania's schools have been proven to lower dropout rates, boost attendance, and increase the number of students who go on to post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, since 1986 more than 1,500 college students have devoted 58,000 hours to helping more than 3,700 of their fellow citizens, both young and old, better their basic skills through the Pennsylvania Literacy Corps, the only such state-run program in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has the means and obligation to make community service the common expectation and experience of all Pennsylvanians; and

WHEREAS, there exists a compelling need for more civic participation to solve community and state problems and to address many of our society's unmet human, environmental, educational, and public safety needs; and

WHEREAS, building and encouraging community service is essential to the Commonwealth's future well-being, requiring cooperative efforts by the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, a State Commission, in accordance with the *National and Community Trust Act of 1993*, is necessary to advise and assist in the development of a comprehensive statewide service plan for promoting citizen participation in community service; and

WHEREAS, the Community Service Advisory Board, authorized under *Act 19 of 1993*, has duties and purposes similar to the State Commission required by the National Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Citizen Service (PennServe) and the Community Service Advisory Board were established by *Act 19 of 1993* to renew the ethic of civic responsibility in Pennsylvania and to involve and enroll young people in service opportunities that will benefit Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert P. Casey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby order the following:

1. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall inform the Corporation for National and Community Service of Pennsylvania's intent to implement and operate a **State Commission** in compliance with the *National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993* in order for Pennsylvania to participate in national service initiatives.

2. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall apply to the Corporation for approval that the Community Service Advisory Board, authorized under *Act 19 of 1993*, be an "Alternative Administrative Entity," as authorized by the *National and Community Service Trust Act* to apply for national service program funds and approve national service positions.

3. Once approved by the Corporation, the Community Service Advisory Board shall act as the "State Commission" (Commission) and as such shall carry out the duties required by the *National and Community Service Act of 1993*.

4. The Community Service Advisory Board, as the Commission, is authorized to accept federal grants under the National Act and other funds and in-kind services from other state and federal entities as authorized by applicable state and federal laws.

5. The Governor's Office of Citizen Service (PennServe) shall be the host agency for the Commission and shall be delegated the nonpolicymaking duties of the Commission allowed by the federal regulations published by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

6. The Governor's Office of Citizen Service (PennServe) will provide necessary administrative and staff support services to the Commission.

7. Effective Date. This order shall take effect immediately.