



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 81

June 29, 1973

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW YORK CITY
MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR THE HANDICAPPED

WHEREAS, the City of New York has had a deep concern with the problems and needs of the handicapped including the need to utilize their skills and abilities and in pursuance of that concern, on April 8, 1968, I created the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Handicapped, so that I might be informed of these problems and needs; and

WHEREAS, our experience with the Advisory Committee has demonstrated that City services need to be broadly expanded in order to meet these problems and needs and to facilitate the right of the handicapped to fair employment, access to public accommodations and decent housing; and

WHEREAS, our handicapped citizens are making positive contributions to the life of the City and it is necessary and desirable to help them make their full potential contribution to society by utilizing their vast reservoir of talent; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet these needs it is necessary to provide for greater cooperation, communication and coordination of our services to the handicapped on a City-wide basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. There shall be created in the Office of the Mayor, the New York City Mayor's Office for the Handicapped, to be located in the Office of the Deputy Mayor - City Administrator and directly accountable to the Mayor. The Office shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

§ 2. The New York City Mayor's Office for the Handicapped shall perform the following:

(a) It shall be responsible for developing and formulating City policies relating to all the handicapped; and shall serve as a public spokesman for the needs, aspirations and problems faced by the handicapped.

(b) It shall coordinate and analyze existing City programs for

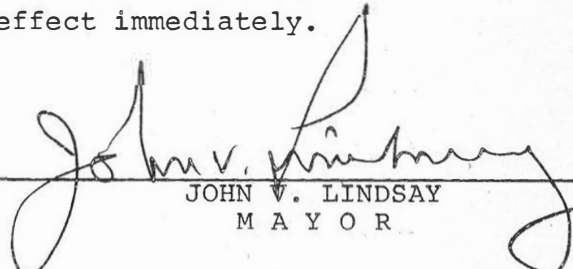
the handicapped and plan, develop, and promote additional programs; and shall act as liaison between the City and public and private agencies in the development of programs for the handicapped.

(c) It shall provide a means of communication among the handicapped, the Mayor, public and private agencies and the community at large; and shall propose City and State legislation founded upon the needs of the handicapped as ascertained by the Office.

(d) It shall compile data on the number of handicapped persons within the City in order to accurately determine their needs; and provide direct services to the handicapped through an information and referral service; develop research and demonstration programs; and locate funding sources, public and private.

§ 3. The functions, powers and duties delegated to the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Handicapped contained in Executive Order No. 72, dated April 8, 1968 are hereby withdrawn and the Committee is abolished. The heads of all City agencies are hereby directed to cooperate with the New York City Mayor's Office for the Handicapped.

§ 4. This order shall take effect immediately.


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