

Research Institute Believed First of Its Kind in World

The \$7 million Institute for Basic Research in Mental Retardation will add new dimensions to the state's program of research in this field, according to Dr. Paul H. Hoch, New York State Commissioner of Hygiene.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the institute will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. on Forest Hill Road, Willowbrook.

The institute, believed to be the first of its kind in the world, will be housed in a five-story building to be con-

structed of steel and prestressed concrete.

It will include eight planned laboratories, designed for flexibility of space and equipment; provisions for clinical research and educational projects; wards with a total capacity of 40 beds for patients under observation; facilities suitable to a wide variety of types of patients and provisions for public meeting and consultation rooms and ancillary service rooms.

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ACCORDING TO Dr. Hoch, the institute "will enable us to bring together scientists from the important basic disciplines to conduct, under the best of conditions, a comprehensive program of research.

"The program of research in biochemistry, genetics, microbiology, pathology, biophysics, physiology, biometrics and psychology will be carried out under conditions where research is the primary consideration," he said.

Gov. Nelson Rockefeller will be the principal speaker at the groundbreaking ceremonies with Borough President Maniscalco, Dr. Hoch and Dr. George J. Jervis, director of the research institute, giving short talks.