

**GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT UPON SIGNING
SENATE BILL NO. 3511**

Today I am pleased to sign Senate Bill No. 3511, which includes an appropriation of \$70 million for the development and improvement of Liberty State Park and the Greenway.

New Jersey's state parks are an invaluable asset of our State, offering our residents open space to engage in recreation, spend time with family and friends, and connect with the outdoors. They further provide important environmental and ecosystem values, including habitat space, climate resilience, air quality improvement, and temperature-regulating benefits.

The benefits of our parks are particularly critical for the State's urban and developed areas, and Liberty State Park and the Greenway have the potential to be the crown jewels of our state park system. I commend my colleagues in the Legislature for agreeing with my recommendation to provide \$70 million in new funding for the development of these two parks, and I hereby direct the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection to allocate \$35 million towards Liberty State Park for the purposes stated in the bill and \$35 million for improvements along the Greenway.

Date: June 28, 2024

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor