

Governor Phil Murphy

Acting Governor Way Signs Joint Resolution Commemorating State Troopers Fraternal Association on 60th Anniversary

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ATLANTIC CITY – Acting Governor Tahesha Way today signed SJR123/AJR224, which honors the accomplishments of the State Troopers Fraternal Association (STFA) on its 60th Anniversary. The STFA, which was founded on October 28, 1963, currently represents 1,700 rank-and-file New Jersey State Troopers as their collective bargaining association. Through the years, the STFA has created a legacy of advocating, supporting, and protecting New Jersey's State Troopers and their families.

The STFA has enhanced working conditions and protected the rights of State Troopers across New Jersey to effectively improve the safety of the citizens of the state. In addition, the STFA has established a swift and fair process for the settlement of grievances for and against its members and has provided financial and other assistance for members and families of members who have been killed or injured in the line of duty.

"Day in and day out, our State Troopers put their lives on the line to protect and serve the residents of New Jersey," **said Acting Governor Way**. "Serving over 7,000 law enforcement officers since its founding in 1963, the State Troopers Fraternal Association has represented New Jersey's best and brightest State Troopers and their families with honor, duty, and fidelity. As a proud pro-labor state, it is only right that we recognize the six decades of work provided by the State Troopers Fraternal Association for our State Troopers."

The Joint Resolution, which unanimously passed through both houses, was prime sponsored by Senator Linda Greenstein and Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo.

"State Troopers and our law enforcement officers put themselves in harm's way every day in order to make our communities safer. And the State Troopers Fraternal Association, and each of their members, have been tremendous partners with the Legislature - helping to continuously move our state forward. Thank you and congratulations to STFA on your decades of service to our great state," **said Senator Greenstein**.

"I am glad to see Acting Governor Way sign this Joint Resolution honoring the accomplishments of the State Troopers Fraternal Association (STFA), and am proud to have sponsored it. Our State Troopers risk their lives to protect us everyday, and continue to uphold a high standard of safety and service to the people of New Jersey," **said Senator Diegnan**. "I congratulate the STFA on their upcoming 60th Anniversary later this month, and look forward to many more over the coming years."

"The STFA has been a long-standing advocate for members of the New Jersey State Police, men and women who fearlessly put themselves in harm's way every day to protect their fellow New Jerseyans," **said Assemblyman DeAngelo**. "The SFTA also provides financial and other assistance to members who have been killed or injured on the job, and so it is essential that the Association has the resources it needs to support those troopers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty."

“For 60 years, the State Troopers Fraternal Association has been a tireless advocate for the improved safety of New Jersey’s residents, and for the rights of the brave men and women who risk their lives to serve as State Troopers,” **said Assemblyman Mukherji**. “Our Troopers play a critical role in protecting our communities and it is more than fitting that we honor the organization that represents their best interests.”

“It is so important to recognize organizations that play such an integral part in our communities, fostering better ties between residents and the police who serve them,” **Assemblywoman Murphy said**. “Honoring the 60th Anniversary for the State Trooper Fraternal Association shows our commitment to supporting our State Police and protecting the public.”

“The Executive Board and the membership of the State Troopers Fraternal Association are forever grateful to Governor Murphy and his administration for recognizing the diamond anniversary of the State Troopers Fraternal Association and our many accomplishments in both serving the public in our great state and serving and representing our membership. We would also like to thank Acting Governor Way and the Bill sponsors, Senator Greenstein and Assemblyman DeAngelo for their support in executing the signing of this commemorative legislation as the STFA and our other State Police union colleagues host the National Troopers Coalition Fall Conference here in New Jersey,” **said Wayne Blanchard, President of the State Troopers Fraternal Association**. “The STFA has prided itself for 60 years in fighting for our members Rights, benefits, and safety, while balancing our perseverance in providing outstanding public safety services in our state and abroad as many missions have sent STFA members to serve outside our state’s boundaries. We are especially proud in our dedication and commitment to working with many other stakeholders in promoting transparency, accountability, and confidence in our members.”

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