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Statement by Governor Murphy on the Passing of Former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins

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"The son of a Trenton barber and real estate broker, David Dinkins rose to lead New York City out of a time of political turmoil, seeking with a steady hand to heal longstanding rifts that had divided its residents. He faced early on the forces of discrimination that he would later commit his public career to breaking down when, as a student at Trenton Central High School, he wasn't allowed to use the school's swimming pool because of the color of his skin. That he was New York's first Black mayor cemented a place for him in history, but he brought in other leaders who mirrored the City's diversity, and initiated many of the changes that renewed its place on the world stage as a cultural center. Tammy and I send our condolences to David Jr. and Donna, and their families and friends, and all who worked alongside Mayor Dinkins. Our flags will fly at half-staff in his honor. May he Rest In Peace."

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