

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 375

WHEREAS, William ("Billy") DiMaio was born on August 6, 1999, in East Islip, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DiMaio and his family moved to Holmdel, New Jersey in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DiMaio deeply cherished his family, including his younger siblings Samantha and Anthony, his parents Tracie and Bill, and his extended family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DiMaio graduated from Holmdel High School in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DiMaio attended Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and management in 2021 and a Master of Science degree in organizational leadership in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in college, Mr. DiMaio was not only a star student but also as a top athlete and captain of the lacrosse team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DiMaio was a natural leader who cared passionately about helping others succeed and lifting up those around him; and

WHEREAS, as he began his professional career, Mr. DiMaio exhibited the unwavering work ethic that he acquired from his father, a positive attitude, and a kindness to others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DiMaio's life was tragically cut short at the age of 25 from a terrorist attack in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana will be lowering flags in their state in remembrance of Mr. DiMaio on Friday, January 10, 2025, pursuant to an Executive Order issued by the Governor of Louisiana declaring a period of mourning for the victims of the terrorist attack in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of Mr. DiMaio, who will be deeply missed by his family, friends, former classmates and colleagues, and the people of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the life, legacy, friendship, and many accomplishments of Mr. DiMaio, and to mark his passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Friday, January 10, 2025, in recognition and mourning of William DiMaio.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
8th day of January,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 376

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 374, declaring a State of Emergency, was issued on Sunday, January 5, 2025, due to the potential for severe winter weather in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties; and

WHEREAS, the severity of the conditions necessitating the State of Emergency declaration have eased;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Statutes of this State, hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The State of Emergency declared pursuant to Executive Order No. 374 (2025) is terminated effective 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
9th day of January,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 377

WHEREAS, access to affordable quality health care is critical to the physical, mental, and economic wellbeing of the residents, families, communities, and businesses in the State; and

WHEREAS, health care and prescription drug cost growth continue to be a challenge nationwide and for New Jersey residents, families, and employers, including the State, and threaten to outpace the growth of the State's economy and residents' wages; and

WHEREAS, the steadily increasing costs of health care and prescription drugs have limited access to quality health care for lower- and middle-income residents and elderly residents alike; and

WHEREAS, planning for improved consumer affordability, health care quality, integration of health care delivery, reform of payment systems to reward value, cost transparency, and taxpayer savings, achieved through coordination among State agencies, is essential to effectively manage costs and improve health care delivery; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this State, as a key part of its efforts to improve health care affordability, accessibility, and transparency, that New Jersey must pursue opportunities Administration-wide and across the public and private sectors to improve health outcomes while reducing the rate of growth of health care costs; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2018, the State enacted the "New Jersey Health Insurance Premium Security Act," P.L.2018, c.24, establishing a reinsurance program to reimburse insurers for certain high-cost claims in the insurance market, lowering premiums compared to what they would have been without the program; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2018, the State enacted the "Out-of-network Consumer Protection, Transparency, Cost Containment and Accountability Act ("the Act")," P.L.2018, c.32, in which the Legislature declared that it is in the public interest "to reform the health care delivery system in New Jersey to enhance consumer protections, create a system to resolve certain health care billing disputes, [and] contain rising costs"; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires providers and insurers to provide detailed disclosures regarding out-of-network charges, restricts the amount a provider may charge in excess of a deductible, copayment, or coinsurance amount applicable to in-network services pursuant to the covered person's health benefits plan, and implements an arbitration process for out-of-network billing disputes between insurance carriers and providers; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2019, the State enacted P.L.2019, c.141, authorizing the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance ("DOBI") to operate a State-Based Health Exchange in New Jersey, through which residents who do not have coverage from an employer or other program may enroll in minimum essential coverage, and to oversee the State-Based Health Exchange "to ensure the best interests of and protection for consumers of the State"; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2020, the State enacted a package of bills that codify into State law the basic protections of the Affordable Care Act, which include establishing protections for no-cost preventative care and contraception, prohibiting exclusions for pre-existing conditions, allowing children to stay on their parents' plan until age 26, and incorporating mental health and maternity care as part of essential benefits; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the State enacted P.L.2019, c.472, limiting cost sharing for prescription drugs under certain health plans and later enacted P.L.2023, c.105, capping out-of-

pocket costs for insulin products, epinephrine auto-injector devices, and prescription asthma inhalers across insurance providers; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2020, the State enacted P.L.2020, c.61, continuing the repealed federal Health Insurance Tax as the New Jersey Health Insurer Assessment, the revenue generated from which is used for the purposes of increasing affordability in the individual market and providing greater access to health insurance to the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Office of Health Care Affordability and Transparency was formed to help guide my Administration's work on health care affordability and price transparency; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Health Care Affordability and Transparency has worked with the DOBI, the Department of Health ("DOH"), the Department of Human Services ("DHS"), and the Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") to advance affordability, accessibility, and transparency in the health care system; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2021, I signed Executive Order No. 217, which created an Interagency Health Care Affordability Working Group ("Working Group") consisting of representatives from the DOBI, the DOH, the DHS, the Treasury, and the Division of Consumer Affairs to advise the State on the development of a health care cost growth benchmark and related activities to ensure access to high-quality, affordable, and equitable health care for all New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, the Working Group generated a framework for a health care cost growth benchmark program, which was designed to promote increased transparency and accountability for health care spending and slow the rate of health care spending growth; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2021, I signed Executive Order No. 277, which established a program -- now called the Health Care Affordability, Responsibility, and Transparency ("HART") Program -- to mitigate the long-term rate of health care cost growth by setting cost growth benchmarks and analyzing data to better understand cost growth and key cost drivers; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 277 (2021) also established the Benchmark Implementation Advisory Group, consisting of State officials and public members who advise the Working Group and the DOBI on implementation of the health care cost growth benchmark program; and

WHEREAS, the HART Program has been jointly administered by the Office of Health Care Affordability and Transparency and the DOBI, in consultation with the Benchmark Implementation Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, in December 2021, stakeholders from across New Jersey came together and signed a Compact to Reduce the Rate of Health Care Spending Growth in New Jersey, publicly committing to work together to make health care more affordable in the State and to support the HART Program as a health care affordability strategy that will also promote transparency of health care spending and understanding of the drivers of spending growth; and

WHEREAS, in March 2022, my Administration released a blueprint for the HART Program, detailing plans to ensure that health care costs do not grow faster than our State's economy or the median family income; and

WHEREAS, three reports commissioned by the HART Program were released in September 2024, including the first annual cost growth benchmark report, covering the period of 2018 through 2019; a report on health care spending trends for New Jersey residents with commercial insurance, covering the period of 2016 through

2021; and a health care landscape report summarizing New Jersey's performance on a select set of measures of quality, access, and affordability; and

WHEREAS, the HART Program relies upon data to which the Commissioner of DOBI has access under various provisions of law, including but not limited to N.J.S.A. 17B:30-30, N.J.S.A. 17B:30-31, N.J.A.C. 11:24-3.8, and N.J.A.C. 11:23-3.2; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., the DOH is authorized to license, regulate, and oversee health care facilities in New Jersey, including hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the DOH plays a central role in improving the health and well-being of all New Jerseyans and supporting public health planning and efforts to address health disparities through data-driven initiatives; and

WHEREAS, utilizing such authority, as well as the authority granted by N.J.S.A. 26:2H-5.1b, the DOH requires all licensed New Jersey hospitals to comply with certain financial reporting requirements, and supports increased transparency through public reporting and posting of hospital financial data in order to monitor the overall financial health and wellness of hospitals as part of broader work related to health care costs and affordability; and

WHEREAS, centralizing oversight of the HART Program and the Office of Health Care Affordability and Transparency in a single department will increase government efficiency and promote sustainability of the Administration's efforts to ensure health care affordability and transparency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The Office of Health Care Affordability and Transparency shall be continued and reestablished within the DOH.

2. The Interagency Health Care Affordability Working Group established in Executive Order No. 217 (2021) shall be chaired by the Commissioner of the DOH, or designee, replacing the Director of the Office of Health Care Affordability and Transparency as chair.

3. Executive Order No. 217 (2021) shall remain in full force and effect except insofar as it is superseded by Paragraph 7 of Executive Order No. 277 (2021) and Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order.

4. The functions and duties assigned to the DOBI in Executive Order No. 277 (2021) are hereby reassigned to the DOH, except insofar as they are statutorily assigned to the DOBI. The DOH and the DOBI shall coordinate with each other to ensure the effective transition of functions and duties and the effective implementation of the HART Program once the transition is complete.

5. Executive Order No. 277 (2021) shall remain in full force and effect except insofar as it is superseded by Paragraph 4 of this Order.

6. The departments, offices, divisions, or agencies of this State shall take all necessary actions consistent with applicable law to implement this Order, including but not limited to assignment or amendment of relevant contracts, memorandums of understanding, and other agreements, and reallocation of personnel.

7. Each department, office, division, or agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the DOH, within the limits of its statutory authority, and to furnish it with such data as is required to assess performance against the health care cost growth benchmark.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
17th day of January,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 378

WHEREAS, beginning in the morning hours on Sunday, January 19, 2025, the State of New Jersey is forecasted to experience potentially significant winter weather causing hazardous weather conditions including heavy snow and dangerously low temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for Bergen, Essex, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties; and

WHEREAS, precipitation is expected with snow accumulations of 6-8 inches, with locally higher amounts as high as 8-12 inches, and with accumulations potentially exceeding one inch per hour, creating dangerous outdoor conditions that may make travel very difficult to impossible; and

WHEREAS, beginning on Monday, January 20, 2025, and continuing through Wednesday, January 22, 2025, temperatures are expected to fall well below freezing, with high temperatures in the teens and single digits, and wind chills below zero; and

WHEREAS, these serious weather conditions may make it difficult or impossible for citizens to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, this impending winter storm and subsequent drop in temperature constitutes an imminent hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of the State; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled in its entirety by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, as part of the State's response to this winter storm, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (the "Commissioner") has issued an Administrative Order(s) regarding vehicle travel restrictions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:1A-5, N.J.S.A. 27:3A-3, and N.J.S.A. 39:4-8.3; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner has also issued a memorandum requesting the New Jersey State, County, and Municipal Police to remove any abandoned or disabled vehicles on State and Interstate Roadways pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:7-21.9; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of New Jersey, effective at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 19, 2025; and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to implement the State Emergency Operations Plan and to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans, as necessary, and to coordinate the recovery effort from this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, through the police agencies under his control, and with consideration of any Administrative Order issued by the Commissioner, to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection

of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, and with consideration of any Administrative Order issued by the Commissioner, to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, to prevent ingress or egress, and to determine the type of vehicle or vehicles to be operated on such roadways. I further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Attorney General or Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where their continued presence would present a danger to their health, safety, or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, where the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Order, subject to my prior approval and in

consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

7. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. In accordance with the N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately-owned property necessary to protect against this Emergency.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

10. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this State of Emergency.

11. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any disaster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or their deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

12. This Order shall take effect at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 19, 2025, and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an Emergency no longer exists.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
 18th day of January,
 Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
 and of the Independence of the
 United States, the Two Hundred
 and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 379

WHEREAS, following the death of former President Jimmy Carter on December 29, 2024, President Joe Biden issued a Proclamation directing that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff for a period of 30 days, as provided in 4 U.S.C. 7(m); and

WHEREAS, consistent with President Biden's Proclamation, I issued Executive Order No. 373 on December 31, 2024, ordering that the flag of the United States and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities until sunset on January 28, 2025, in recognition and mourning of President Carter; and

WHEREAS, upon taking the oath of office on January 20, 2025, President Donald J. Trump issued a Proclamation directing that the flag of the United States be raised to the top of the staff and displayed there for the remainder of the day; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate for the State of New Jersey to raise the flag of the United States and the flag of New Jersey for the same period that they are raised to full-staff pursuant to President Trump's Proclamation, before again lowering the flags to half-staff in recognition and mourning of President Carter;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at full-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities for the remainder of the day on January 20, 2025, then lowered and flown at half-staff until sunset on January 28, 2025, consistent with federal law and

directives and Executive Order No. 373 (2024), in recognition and mourning of a dedicated public servant and global statesman, President Jimmy Carter.

2. Executive Order No. 373 (2024) is hereby superseded to the extent inconsistent with this Order.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
20th day of January,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 380

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 378, declaring a State of Emergency, was issued on Saturday, January 18, 2025, due to the potential for severe winter weather Statewide, including significant snowfall and extreme cold temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the severity of the conditions necessitating the State of Emergency declaration have eased;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Statutes of this State, hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The State of Emergency declared pursuant to Executive Order No. 378 (2025) is terminated effective 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Monday, January 27, 2025.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
27th day of January,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 381

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has a longstanding and compelling interest in reducing disease rates for Human Immunodeficiency Virus ("HIV") and other sexually transmitted infections ("STIs") and viral hepatitis; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the HIV epidemic, New Jersey has had one of the highest rates of residents infected with HIV in the United States, including one of the highest rates of women living with HIV, and one of the highest rates of HIV transmission through injection drug use; and

WHEREAS, the data are particularly troubling when broken down across racial and ethnic lines, with heightened prevalence among New Jersey's Black and Hispanic/Latino communities and parts of New Jersey's community of residents who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, or otherwise do not identify as heterosexual or cisgender; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these and other factors, on October 24, 1991, Governor Florio issued Executive Order No. 45, which established the Governor's Advisory Council on AIDS; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1994, Governor Whitman issued Executive Order No. 29, which continued the Governor's Advisory Council on AIDS; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2003, Governor McGreevey issued Executive Order No. 61, which rescinded and superseded Executive Order No. 45 (1991) and Executive Order No. 29 (1994) and established the Governor's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and Related Blood-Borne Pathogens to take the place of the former Governor's Advisory Council on AIDS; and

WHEREAS, between 2013 and 2022, New Jersey saw a 9.7 percent reduction in the rate of newly diagnosed HIV patients per year; and

WHEREAS, an HIV/AIDS diagnosis is no longer a death sentence and people living with HIV/AIDS can live long, healthy lives, especially through access to and use of effective antiretroviral treatments for viral suppression; and

WHEREAS, pharmaceutical advances, such as pre-exposure prophylaxis and antiretroviral therapy, have reduced HIV transmission risks; and

WHEREAS, despite this progress, the occurrence of new HIV cases in New Jersey remains at a concerning rate of about 10.1 cases per 100,000 residents, and threatens to undermine recent State and national efforts to end the HIV epidemic; and

WHEREAS, for example, in 2019, the federal government released its "Ending the HIV Epidemic" initiative seeking to reduce the number of new HIV infections in the United States by 75 percent by 2025 and by at least 90 percent by 2030; and

WHEREAS, to combat the ongoing prevalence of HIV here in New Jersey, and in furtherance of the federal "Ending the HIV Epidemic" initiative, my Administration called on key public health stakeholders to work with the Department of Health ("DOH") on strategic planning towards the goal of ending the HIV epidemic in New Jersey by 2025; and

WHEREAS, these efforts culminated in the release of a 2021 report entitled, "A Strategic Plan to End the HIV Epidemic in New Jersey by 2025" (the "Strategic Plan"), which set forth specific goals and strategies designed to reduce the number of new HIV infections, expand access to HIV testing, and promote access and linkage to care for individuals diagnosed with HIV; and

WHEREAS, since the release of the Strategic Plan, the DOH has worked with health care facilities and providers and other community partners to develop services that increase HIV testing

and screening capacity, while monitoring key benchmark statistics related to HIV cases in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic hampered the State's ability to make progress on implementing the Strategic Plan, including in areas of HIV testing; and

WHEREAS, while efforts to implement the Strategic Plan remain underway, as of December 2022, the number of persons living with HIV in the State totaled 36,704, indicating that the number of New Jersey residents living with HIV has increased by 2 percent since 2013; and

WHEREAS, as of December 2022, there remains a disproportionate amount of HIV infection in historically marginalized communities, with about 32 percent of new HIV diagnoses occurring in Black communities and about 48 percent in Hispanic/Latino communities, and about 54 percent of new HIV diagnoses occurring in men who have sex with men; and

WHEREAS, historical data trends have shown a strong association between injection drug use and risk of exposure to HIV and other forms of viral hepatitis, especially in some subpopulations; and

WHEREAS, diagnosis of other STIs, such as syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia, can be a strong biomarker for risk of HIV; and

WHEREAS, these other forms of STIs have been on the rise in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, for example, according to recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cases of syphilis in New Jersey more than doubled between 2018 and 2022, outpacing a concerning national trend showing an 80 percent increase in syphilis cases; and

WHEREAS, 25 percent of persons diagnosed with infectious syphilis in New Jersey are co-infected with HIV; and

WHEREAS, nearly 50 percent of new or acute cases of viral hepatitis in New Jersey are estimated to be associated with injection drug use; and

WHEREAS, injection drug use is the most common means of transmission for viral hepatitis, and rates of viral hepatitis have rapidly increased for young adults aged twenty to thirty-nine in recent years; and

WHEREAS, biomedical advances allow for New Jersey to end HIV and eliminate viral hepatitis, and testing recommendations allow for early detection and treatment for persons with STIs; and

WHEREAS, recent actions by the federal government, including attempts to remove critical public health information and services from federally maintained websites, threaten to impede the progress that has been made in combatting the spread of these diseases and appropriately treating those living with these diseases; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey must continue to prioritize combating and eliminating the spread of HIV, STIs, and viral hepatitis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. Executive Order No. 61 (2003) is hereby rescinded and superseded by this Executive Order.

2. There is hereby established, within the DOH, the Advisory Council on HIV, STIs, and Viral Hepatitis ("Advisory Council").

3. The Advisory Council shall consist of the Commissioner of the DOH or their designee; the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or their designee; the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services ("DHS"), or two designees of the Commissioner of the DHS with relevant experience in care and services for individuals with mental health needs and addiction care; the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance or their designee; the Attorney General or their designee; the Director for the New Jersey Office of Faith-Based Initiatives; two members of the New Jersey Senate to be appointed by the Commissioner of the DOH upon the recommendation of the Senate President; two members of the General Assembly to be appointed by the Commissioner of the DOH upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Assembly; and a minimum of twenty-five (25) public members to be appointed by the Commissioner of the DOH who reflect the diversity of New Jersey and who shall include public health care professionals, policy experts, social and direct care organization representatives, advocates and individuals who have lived experience with HIV, STDs, or viral hepatitis.

4. All members of the Advisory Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and shall serve without compensation.

5. The Commissioner of the DOH or their designee shall serve as the chairperson of the Advisory Council, and shall select a vice chairperson from among the members of the Advisory Council, who shall also serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner.

6. The purposes of the Advisory Council shall be to: (a) coordinate efforts among public and private health care agencies and providers, community-based organizations, and other strategic partners to promote public awareness and education on the prevention and treatment of HIV, STIs, and viral hepatitis and how to access related services in New Jersey; (b) identify or develop

opportunities or strategies that may be used to combat the HIV epidemic, STIs, and viral hepatitis, including, but not limited to, efforts to implement the Strategic Plan; (c) recommend policies, projects, programs, initiatives, or services designed to improve health outcomes and reduce health outcome disparities, including efforts to address systemic inequities affecting HIV, STI, and viral hepatitis health care.

7. The Advisory Council shall organize as soon as practicable after the appointment of its members, and shall convene as soon and as often as requested by the Commissioner of the DOH.

8. The Advisory Council is authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this State to supply it with data or other information or assistance available to such agency as the Advisory Council deems necessary to execute its duties under this Order. Each Executive Branch department and agency is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the Advisory Council and to furnish such assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Order. The Advisory Council may consult with experts and other knowledgeable individuals in the public or private sector on any aspect of its mission. To the extent necessary, the DOH shall provide professional and clerical staff to the Advisory Council.

9. The Advisory Council shall be purely advisory in nature and shall provide advice to the Governor and other Executive Branch departments and agencies as appropriate.

10. For purposes of this Order, "Executive Branch departments and agencies" shall mean any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of State government and any agency, authority, board, bureau, commission, division, institution, office, or other instrumentality within or created by

any such department, and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality, or agency over which the Governor exercises executive authority, as determined by the Attorney General.

11. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to supersede any federal, State, or local law.

12. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
10th day of February,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 382

WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" Hardwick, a former Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, was born on November 8, 1941, in Somerset, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the son of a maintenance worker whose mother tragically died when he was 5, Speaker Hardwick graduated from Central High School in Akron, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Hardwick went on to attend Florida State University to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in 1962, and a Master's degree in business administration in 1964, with the assistance of a teaching fellowship; and

WHEREAS, before embarking on his career in elected office, Speaker Hardwick worked in sales for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, and quickly rose through the ranks to a promotion that brought him to Westfield, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Speaker Hardwick was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly to represent the 20th Legislative District; and was re-elected six times thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Hardwick began his tenure in the Assembly as an early advocate for reducing subpar conditions in county jails and creating uniform standards across county jails; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Hardwick's remarkable 14-year term in the Assembly included four years as speaker of the Assembly, where he fought to establish fairer tax policies, supported programs to help those struggling with gambling addiction, sponsored legislation to strengthen the rights of adoptees to access medical records, and advocated for legislation that would prevent strip searches for individuals charged with minor offenses; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, President Ronald Reagan appointed Speaker Hardwick to be a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Federalism; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from politics in 1990, Speaker Hardwick served as Senior Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs at Pfizer, where he worked on various global initiatives,

including providing health care to Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) patients in the United States and Africa; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Hardwick took great pride in serving the people of New Jersey, and particularly those of the 20th and 21st Legislative Districts; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Hardwick was a loving husband to Sheilagh Mylott, his wife, father to three children - Ginger, Chuck, Jr., and Austin - and grandfather to three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness that we mourn the passing of Speaker Hardwick, who will be sorely missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and the people of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the life, legacy, friendship, and accomplishments of Speaker Hardwick, and to mark his passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Friday, February 28, 2025, in recognition and mourning of a dedicated legislator and public servant, Speaker Chuck Hardwick.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
26th day of February,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of the
United States, the Two Hundred
and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 383

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, Federal-Aid Highway Interstate 80 ("Interstate 80") runs for more than sixty-eight miles from the Pennsylvania state line to its eastern terminus in Bergen County, and serves as a vital transportation route to and from northern New Jersey and New York City; and

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2024, a sinkhole on Interstate 80 opened when an abandoned mine collapsed under the highway's eastbound shoulder near Exit 34 in and around the area of the Borough of Wharton, Morris County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the sinkhole created a hazardous condition which required the eastbound Interstate 80 lanes to be closed at Exit 34 for four days, creating a significant disruption to transportation and commerce in this area with surrounding roadways serving as detour routes; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2024, a second sinkhole was discovered in the vicinity of the first sinkhole, which required additional measures to stabilize the area along with another closure of eastbound Interstate 80 at Exit 34; and

WHEREAS, in the two months since the initial sinkhole was repaired, multiple sinkholes and "voids," which are empty spaces or cavities that exist underground, have been discovered, requiring crews from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") to perform around-the-clock emergency repairs and stabilization work to address the hazards; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT performed advanced geophysical scanning and testing in the area of the sinkholes to determine whether additional loose soils in the area may require stabilization work to protect public health and safety on Interstate 80; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2025, NJDOT's geophysical analysis revealed a significant new void located underneath the center lane of Interstate 80 eastbound in the general vicinity of the two prior sinkholes; and

WHEREAS, the discovery of this void will require the continued closure of Interstate 80 eastbound lanes until a time when this portion of the roadway can be fully stabilized; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wharton and surrounding areas in Morris County are experiencing adverse impacts from this event, including significant ongoing traffic disruption from vehicles detouring off eastbound Interstate 80 at Exit 34 or being diverted to an alternate Route at Exit 28; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take immediate steps to provide for the reopening of the eastbound lanes of Interstate 80 and to repair, reconstruct, and/or stabilize the areas impacted by the sinkholes, loose soils, and voids; and

WHEREAS, these adverse impacts are of such magnitude or severity as to require federal supplementation of existing State and local resources; and

WHEREAS, 23 U.S. Code § 125 creates a source of funding for the repair or reconstruction of highways, roads, and trails in any area of the United States that the Federal Highway Administration finds has suffered serious damage as a result of a natural disaster or other external cause; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists due to the geophysical hazards present under eastbound Interstate 80 and the related traffic conditions created in the County of Morris, effective at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2025; and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to implement the State Emergency Operations Plan and to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans, as necessary, and to coordinate the recovery effort from this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. In accordance with 23 U.S. Code § 125(d)(1)(a)-(b), I authorize and empower the Commissioner of the NJDOT to submit an emergency relief funds request to the Federal Highway Administration that includes a comprehensive list of all eligible damages related to this incident.

3. I authorize and empower, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, through the police agencies under his control, and with consideration of any Administrative Order issued by the Commissioner of the NJDOT, to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

4. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, and with consideration of any Administrative Order issued by the Commissioner of the NJDOT, to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any

or all traffic, to prevent ingress or egress, and to determine the type of vehicle or vehicles to be operated on such roadways. I further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Attorney General or Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

5. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, where the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

6. In accordance with the N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately-owned property necessary to protect against this Emergency.

7. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

8. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other

governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this State of Emergency.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any disaster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or their deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

10. This Order shall take effect at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2025, and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an Emergency no longer exists

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
8th day of March,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of the
United States, the Two Hundred
and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 384

WHEREAS, Detective Joseph Anthony Azcona of the Newark Police Department was born on May 18, 1998, in the City of Newark, New Jersey, where he lived his whole life; and

WHEREAS, Detective Azcona was raised by a proud family of police officers and firefighters and, from a young age, aspired to carry on his family's legacy of public service; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Detective Azcona fulfilled his lifelong dream of joining the Newark Police Department, and quickly earned the respect of fellow officers and community members alike; and

WHEREAS, through hard work and dedication, Detective Azcona quickly rose to the rank of detective after just three years, becoming a member of a special intelligence unit that investigated major crimes in partnership with federal authorities; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Detective Azcona earned several awards and commendations, including four command citations and a medal for excellence in recognition of his success recovering illegal firearms off the streets; and

WHEREAS, Detective Azcona suffered gunshot wounds while in the line of duty on March 7, 2025, and tragically passed away the following morning; and

WHEREAS, Detective Azcona was a loving son and sibling to five brothers, and will be sorely missed by his family, friends, fellow members of the Newark Police Department, and the people of New Jersey whom are grateful for his service; and

WHEREAS, Detective Azcona lived a life of purpose, honor, and sacrifice, and will be remembered as a hero who fought to serve and protect the city in which he lived his whole life; and

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness that we mourn Detective Azcona's sudden passing, and extend our deepest sympathy and gratitude to his family, friends, and colleagues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Friday, March 14, 2025, in recognition and mourning of Newark Police Detective Joseph Azcona.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
13th day of March,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 385

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2025, the roof of the historical, and well recognized Jet Set nightclub, located in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, collapsed during an event that was attended by over 400 people; and

WHEREAS, it took first responders approximately three days to clear the rubble and complete the search and rescue of the hundreds of people who were trapped as a result of the collapse; and

WHEREAS, the latest reports indicate that the collapse claimed the lives of at least 226 people and injured at least 181 people; and

WHEREAS, at least four New Jersey residents were killed in this tragic event, and others are likely among those injured or still unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, the numbers of casualties are likely to rise in the coming days as more information is gathered; and

WHEREAS, the Dominican Republic declared April 8 through April 14, 2025, as a period of national mourning in memory of the hundreds of lives lost; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is proud of its relationship with the Dominican Republic and has one of the largest Dominican communities in the United States, with over 360,000 Dominicans residing here, according to the latest census; and

WHEREAS, we mourn for all of the victims of this horrific incident, and the families of those impacted, including the many Dominican families residing here in New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TAHESHA L. WAY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, April 21, 2025, in recognition and mourning of all of the lives lost and shattered by the recent tragedy resulting from the roof collapse at Jet Set nightclub in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
17th day of April,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Tahesha L. Way

Acting Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 386

WHEREAS, His Holiness Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Mario Bergoglio and Regina (Sivori) Bergoglio; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis entered the Society of Jesus as a novice in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis was ordained as a priest in 1969 after more than a decade of training with the Jesuit order; and

WHEREAS, from 1973 to 1979, Pope Francis was the head of the Society of Jesus in Argentina; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis became an auxiliary bishop in Buenos Aires in 1992 and was elevated to archbishop in 1998; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Pope John Paul II made Pope Francis a cardinal; and

WHEREAS, as a cardinal, Pope Francis was known for his humble lifestyle and commitment to social justice; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis was elected Pope on March 13, 2013, becoming the first Pope from the Society of Jesus and the first from the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis had a remarkable pontificate, and was widely recognized for his humility and compassion, his devotion to the poor, and his commitment to inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis was a leading advocate for international peace and human rights, including the rights of migrants, challenged the world to combat climate change, and supported ending the death penalty and the criminalization of homosexuality; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Pope Francis became the first and only Pope to address a Joint Session of Congress, delivering a message of hope and healing, and of peace and justice; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis died at the age of 88 on April 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Pope Francis taught all of us to lead with compassion, conviction, and humility; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis reminded us that we are inextricably bound to one another, and that we all have a sacred duty to alleviate suffering across the world; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis was a model of mercy and inclusivity, never hesitating to comfort the sick, the indigent, or the most marginalized among us; and

WHEREAS, the death of Pope Francis is a great loss to the State of New Jersey, to the United States, and to the world; and

WHEREAS, we mourn the loss of Pope Francis, pay tribute to his transformative vision for global justice and human dignity, and honor his pastoral legacy; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to extend our sincerest sympathies to the Catholic Church and to all who found deep solace and hope in Pope Francis's words and the example he set, and to honor and celebrate his life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities until sunset of the day of interment, in recognition and mourning of His Holiness Pope Francis.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this day
22nd of April,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of the
United States, the Two Hundred
and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 387

WHEREAS, beginning on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, the New Jersey State Forest Fire Service was notified of a rapidly expanding wildfire in the Greenwood Wildlife Management Area near the intersection of Bryant Road and Jones Road in Ocean Township, Ocean County, New Jersey ("the Jones Road Wildfire"); and

WHEREAS, the Jones Road Wildfire has already grown to an estimated 8,500 acres in size as of final observations on April 22, 2025, threatening more than 1,000 structures and requiring the evacuation of residents in the sections of Lacey Township and Ocean Township in the immediate vicinity of the wildfire; and

WHEREAS, municipal and Ocean County Offices of Emergency Management have already opened shelters to support impacted residents; and

WHEREAS, the Jones Road Wildfire has required the closure of State, county, and local roads in the area, including the Garden State Parkway and U.S. Route 9; and

WHEREAS, nearly 25,000 homes and businesses in Ocean County are already without power due to the wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the Jones Road Wildfire constitutes an imminent hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of the State; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled in its entirety by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of New Jersey Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TAHESHA L. WAY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists in the County of Ocean, effective at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025; and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to implement the State Emergency Operations Plan and to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans, as necessary, and to coordinate the recovery effort from this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, through the police agencies under his control, and with consideration of any Administrative Order(s) issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation ("the Commissioner"), to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, and with consideration of any

Administrative Order issued by the Commissioner, to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, to prevent ingress or egress, and to determine the type of vehicle or vehicles to be operated on such roadways. I further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Attorney General or Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where their continued presence would present a danger to their health, safety, or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, where the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

7. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. In accordance with the N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately-owned property necessary to protect against this Emergency.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

10. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this State of Emergency.

11. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any disaster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or their deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

12. This Order shall take effect at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an Emergency no longer exists.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
23rd day of April,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Four,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Tahesha L. Way
Acting Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 388

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 387, declaring a State of Emergency in Ocean County, was issued on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, due to a wildfire in the Greenwood Wildlife Management Area near the intersection of Bryant Road and Jones Road in Ocean Township, Ocean County, New Jersey ("the Jones Road Wildfire"); and

WHEREAS, the severity of the conditions necessitating the State of Emergency for the Jones Road Wildfire have eased;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Statutes of this State, hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The State of Emergency declared pursuant to Executive Order No. 387 (2025) is terminated effective 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
13th day of May,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 389

WHEREAS, Justice David Hackett Souter was born on September 17, 1939, in Melrose, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Justice Souter earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Harvard University in 1961; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Justice Souter received a Master of Arts degree in jurisprudence from Magdalen College, Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Justice Souter earned a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1966; and

WHEREAS, after a short period in private practice, Justice Souter began a long and illustrious career of public service when he joined the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Justice Souter eventually was selected to serve as the Attorney General of New Hampshire, a position he held from 1976 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, Justice Souter served as an Associate Justice of the New Hampshire Superior Court from 1978 to 1983, as an Associate Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court from 1983 to 1990, and as a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in 1990; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 President George H.W. Bush nominated Justice Souter to serve as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the Senate confirmed Justice Souter's nomination by an overwhelming margin on October 2, 1990, with Justice Souter drawing enthusiastic bipartisan support; and

WHEREAS, Justice Souter left a profound and enduring imprint on American jurisprudence, including in the areas of reproductive rights, separation of church and state, freedom of speech, and civil procedure; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Justice Souter helped preserve reproductive freedom for a generation by co-authoring the plurality opinion in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, which reaffirmed *Roe v. Wade's* essential holding regarding abortion rights; and

WHEREAS, Justice Souter vigorously defended both the free exercise of religion and the separation of church and state that the Founders held dear; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure on the United States Supreme Court, Justice Souter displayed a rare combination of wisdom, civility, and fair-mindedness; and

WHEREAS, Justice Souter earned a reputation as a fiercely independent jurist with a deep commitment to the rule of law, often voting with justices nominated by Democratic Presidents despite having been nominated by a Republican President; and

WHEREAS, Justice Souter retired from active service on the Supreme Court on June 29, 2009, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, after trading the white marble of the Supreme Court for the White Mountains of his home in New Hampshire, Justice Souter continued to serve the law, sitting by designation on panels of the First Circuit Court of Appeals and supporting civics education; and

WHEREAS, Justice Souter was known for his kindness and humility, his quiet dignity, his collegiality, his deep love of literature, and his appreciation of life's simple blessings; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2025, Justice Souter died at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Justice Souter will be deeply missed by all who had the good fortune to know him, and by the people of this country whom he served so faithfully; and

WHEREAS, it is with great sorrow that we mourn the passing of Justice Souter; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the exemplary service, character, and memory of Justice Souter, and to signify his passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Friday, May 16, 2025, in recognition and mourning of an extraordinary legal mind and a distinguished member of the United States Supreme Court, Justice David Souter.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
15th day of May,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 390

WHEREAS, Brian M. Hughes, a former County Executive of Mercer County, was born on May 5, 1956, in Trenton, New Jersey, and lived most of his life in Trenton and Princeton; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Hughes was the son of former New Jersey Governor and Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes and Elizabeth Sullivan Hughes; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Hughes graduated from Thomas Edison State College, which he later helped become Thomas Edison State University; and

WHEREAS, early in his career, County Executive Hughes lived and worked in Washington, DC, and served as Deputy Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, County Executive Hughes was elected to Mercer County's Board of Chosen Freeholders, now the Board of County Commissioners, where he served two terms, including one term as Freeholder President; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, County Executive Hughes was elected to serve as Mercer County Executive, becoming the first Democrat to hold the post in more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Hughes served an unprecedented five terms as Mercer County Executive, winning re-election in 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2019; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Hughes retired as County Executive on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, during his 20-year tenure, County Executive Hughes improved the lives of Mercer County residents through open space preservation, infrastructure development, and improved delivery of social services, among other accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Hughes also served in leadership roles in the County Executives of America, a national, nonpartisan organization representing chief elected county officials across the United States; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Hughes was well known for his commitment to public service, his passion for helping those in need, and his principled leadership in improving the lives of Mercer County residents; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Hughes embodied the highest ideals of public service, and his legacy of kindness, compassion, and integrity will inspire generations to come; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Hughes passed away on June 10, 2025, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Hughes is survived by Pamela, his wife of nearly 35 years; their son, Sullivan; and numerous siblings, nieces, and nephews; and

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of County Executive Hughes, who will be deeply missed by his family, friends, former colleagues, and Mercer County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the life, legacy, friendship, and many accomplishments of County Executive Hughes, and to mark his passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours

on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, in recognition and mourning of dedicated public servant, former Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
17th day of June,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 391

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 383, declaring a State of Emergency in Morris County, was issued on Saturday, March 8, 2025, due to multiple sinkholes and voids on Interstate 80 ("I-80") caused by the collapse of abandoned mines near Exit 34 in and around the area of the Borough of Wharton, Morris County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the severity of the conditions necessitating the State of Emergency for the I-80 sinkholes have eased because repair work has been successfully completed and the roadway has been fully reopened in both directions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Statutes of this State, hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The State of Emergency declared pursuant to Executive Order No. 383 (2025) is terminated effective 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Saturday, June 21, 2025.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
21st day of June,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 392

WHEREAS, beginning in the late afternoon and continuing into the late evening on Monday, July 14, 2025, the State of New Jersey has experienced and is forecasted to experience severe storms causing hazardous weather conditions including periods of intense rainfalls, flash flooding, and damaging wind gusts; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued flash flood warnings for Morris, Warren, Bergen, Essex, Hunterdon, Hudson, Passaic, Middlesex, Somerset and Union Counties; and

WHEREAS, significant statewide precipitation is expected with rainfall amounts of 3 to 5 inches with localized amounts potentially higher due to a slow-moving storm system; and

WHEREAS, these severe weather conditions are expected to disrupt typical traffic patterns and cause power outages throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, these severe weather conditions may cause excessive runoff which may result in landslides, rock slides, and flooded roadways; and

WHEREAS, these serious weather conditions could make it difficult or impossible for residents to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, this storm constitutes an imminent hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of the State; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled in its entirety by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and

supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of New Jersey, effective at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2025; and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to implement the State Emergency Operations Plan and to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans, as necessary, and to coordinate the recovery effort from this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, through the police agencies under his control, and with consideration of any Administrative Order issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation ("the Commissioner"), to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, and with consideration of any Administrative Order issued by the Commissioner, to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, to prevent ingress or egress, and to determine the type of vehicle or vehicles to be operated on such roadways. I further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Attorney General or Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where their continued presence would present a danger to their health, safety, or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, where the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any

such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

7. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. In accordance with the N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately-owned property necessary to protect against this Emergency.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

10. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State, and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State, and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this

State of Emergency.

11. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any disaster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or their deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

12. This Order shall take effect at 8:00 p.m. on July 14, 2025, and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
14th day of July,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Fiftieth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 393

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recently passed and the President signed Public Law 119-21; and

WHEREAS, this legislation, named the One Big Beautiful Bill Act ("OBBBA"), is both fiscally and morally irresponsible; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA will harm hard-working American families, our nation's children and future generations, and our efforts to deliver an affordable clean-energy future; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA will add trillions of dollars to the national debt; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA is projected to exacerbate inflation and increase the federal government's debt servicing costs, so the American people will pay more for less; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA slashes funding for Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly known as SNAP or the food stamp program, and other essential programs -- all while providing tax cuts and benefits to the ultra-wealthy; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Human Services estimates that approximately 350,000 New Jersey residents -- or one in five New Jerseyans currently covered by NJ FamilyCare, New Jersey's Medicaid program -- will lose health care coverage due to the OBBBA's new eligibility restrictions and new bureaucratic requirements that create paperwork barriers to eligible individuals obtaining benefits; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA is expected to cut federal funding for New Jersey's health care system by more than \$3 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA shifts costs of administering SNAP from the federal government to the States, putting food assistance for about 800,000 New Jersey residents in jeopardy unless the State pays potentially hundreds of millions of dollars and our counties pay tens of millions more; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA jeopardizes access to quality, affordable health care for Americans who obtain health insurance through marketplaces like Get Covered New Jersey by introducing unnecessary bureaucratic requirements and by terminating tax credits that currently reduce premiums for over 454,000 New Jersey residents by a total of more than half a billion dollars, such that the Department of Banking and Insurance estimates that the average person receiving tax credits will see their annual costs go up by 110 percent (an increase of approximately \$1,260 per person or \$4,168 per family of four on average); and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA's cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, and other programs that promote the stability of families with children threaten to increase the number of cases of child maltreatment necessitating child welfare services; and

WHEREAS, Americans want lower electricity bills and cleaner air; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA eliminates tax savings and incentives for American families who choose to purchase electric vehicles, to make their homes more efficient, or to lower their bills by installing solar panels or joining community solar projects, all while bailing out polluting fossil fuel industries; and

WHEREAS, eliminating tax credits for solar energy projects will suppress the development of these critical clean energy resources, hindering efforts to bring online necessary new electric capacity in response to rising demand and further raising electricity prices for New Jersey residents, as well as depriving New Jersey of valuable employment and economic development benefits the solar industry has brought to the State; and

WHEREAS, because many of the most harmful and unpopular provisions in this law will not take effect immediately, much of the pain that the OBBBA will inflict on the American people will not be

felt until after the next re-election campaigns of the politicians who voted for it; and

WHEREAS, because of its partially delayed impacts, the OBBBA is like a time bomb for State budgets and State-administered programs, which will not detonate until after my term as Governor expires; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the OBBBA's partially delayed impacts, it is necessary for State agencies to begin immediately assessing the law's anticipated impacts and evaluating potential actions available to the State to protect the State's finances and its residents' interests; and

WHEREAS, certain actions that the State and its agencies may desire to take in response to the OBBBA would require action by the Legislature and could not be accomplished through executive action alone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. All State agencies shall immediately review the OBBBA for the purposes of assessing its impacts on their budgets, operations, and programs, including services provided to New Jersey residents, and of developing recommended measures to protect the State's finances and its residents' interests from the effects of the OBBBA.

2. No later than October 1, 2025, all State agencies shall provide to the Office of the Governor a preliminary assessment of the OBBBA's impacts on their budgets, operations, and programs, including services provided to New Jersey residents, and a list of any related legislative measures that the State agencies recommend that the Governor support during the current annual session of the Legislature.

3. No later than November 15, 2025, all State agencies shall provide to the Office of the Governor a preliminary list of any non-legislative measures that the State agencies recommend considering

to address the adverse impacts of the OBBBA on their budgets, operations, and programs, and on New Jersey's residents.

4. For purposes of this Order, "State agency" shall mean any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of State government and any agency, authority, board, bureau, commission, division, institution, office, or other instrumentality within or created by any such department, and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality, or agency over which the Governor exercises executive authority, as determined by the Attorney General.

5. The Office of the Governor shall review the preliminary assessments and recommendations submitted pursuant to this Order and shall coordinate responsive activities among State agencies. Additionally, the Governor may consider any additional legislation, gubernatorial measures, and cabinet-level actions to address the impacts of the OBBBA.

6. Any reports, records, recommendations, or other information created pursuant to this Order shall constitute advisory, consultative, and deliberative materials for the Governor's review and shall be deemed to be confidential, non-public, and not subject to the Open Public Records Act, P.L.1963, c.73, as amended and supplemented.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
23rd day of July,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of the
United States, the Two Hundred
and Fiftieth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 394

WHEREAS, beginning in the afternoon and continuing into the evening on Thursday, July 31, 2025, the State of New Jersey is forecasted to experience severe storms causing hazardous weather conditions including periods of intense rainfalls, flash flooding, and damaging wind gusts; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a flood watch for all twenty-one counties in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, significant statewide precipitation is expected with rainfall amounts of 1 to 3 inches with localized amounts of up to 5 to 7 inches possible; and

WHEREAS, these severe weather conditions are expected to disrupt typical traffic patterns and cause power outages throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, these severe weather conditions may cause excessive runoff which may result in landslides, rock slides, and flooded roadways; and

WHEREAS, these serious weather conditions could make it difficult or impossible for residents to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, this storm constitutes an imminent hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of the State; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled in its entirety by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and

supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TAHESHA L. WAY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of New Jersey, effective at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2025; and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to implement the State Emergency Operations Plan and to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans, as necessary, and to coordinate the recovery effort from this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, through the police agencies under his control, and with consideration of any Administrative Order issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation ("the Commissioner"), to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, and with consideration of any Administrative Order issued by the Commissioner, to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, to prevent ingress or egress, and to determine the type of vehicle or vehicles to be operated on such roadways. I further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Attorney General or Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where their continued presence would present a danger to their health, safety, or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, where the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Order, subject to my prior approval and in

consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

7. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. In accordance with the N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately-owned property necessary to protect against this Emergency.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

10. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State, and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State, and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State

of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this State of Emergency.

11. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any disaster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or their deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

12. This Order shall take effect at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2025, and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
 31st day of July,
 Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
 and of the Independence of
 the United States, the Two
 Hundred and Fiftieth.

[seal]

/s/ Tahesha L. Way
 Acting Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 395

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 392, declaring a State of Emergency across all twenty-one (21) counties, was issued on Monday, July 14, 2025, due to severe weather conditions, including intense rainfall, flash flooding, and damaging wind gusts; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 394, declaring a State of Emergency across all twenty-one (21) counties, was issued on Thursday, July 31, 2025, due to severe weather conditions, including intense rainfall, flash flooding, and damaging wind gusts; and

WHEREAS, the severity of the conditions necessitating the State of Emergency declarations have eased;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TAHESHA L. WAY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Statutes of this State, hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The States of Emergency declared pursuant to the following executive orders are terminated effective 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Friday, August 8, 2025:

- a. Executive Order 392 (2025); and
- b. Executive Order 394 (2025).

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
8th day of August,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Fiftieth.

[seal]

/s/ Tahesha L. Way

Acting Governor

Attest:

/s/ Stephanie M. Doherty

Deputy Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 396

WHEREAS, beginning in the afternoon on Thursday, August 21, 2025, and continuing into Friday, August 22, 2025, the State of New Jersey is forecasted to experience significant hazardous weather conditions due to Hurricane Erin's offshore impacts, including high winds, coastal flooding, high surf, and dangerous rip currents; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a coastal flood advisory for Burlington, Camden, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Salem, and Union counties; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a coastal flood warning for Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean counties; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a high surf advisory for Atlantic, Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean counties; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a rip current statement for Atlantic, Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean counties; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a wind advisory for Atlantic, Cape May, and Ocean counties; and

WHEREAS, dangerous rip currents and dangerous surf are expected with waves up to 17 feet possible; and

WHEREAS, moderate to locally major coastal flooding is expected with isolated instances of flash flooding possible; and

WHEREAS, coastal erosion is possible due to long-period swells and high surf; and

WHEREAS, coastal winds are expected to reach as high as 50 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, these serious weather conditions could make it difficult or impossible for residents to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, this storm constitutes an imminent hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of the State; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled in its entirety by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of New Jersey, effective at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025; and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to implement the State Emergency Operations Plan and to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans, as necessary, and to coordinate the recovery effort from this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, through the police agencies under his control, and with consideration of any Administrative Order issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation ("the Commissioner"), to determine and

control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, and with consideration of any Administrative Order issued by the Commissioner, to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, to prevent ingress or egress, and to determine the type of vehicle or vehicles to be operated on such roadways. I further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Attorney General or Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where their continued presence would present a danger to their health, safety, or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency

or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, where the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Executive Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

7. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. In accordance with the N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately-owned property necessary to protect against this Emergency.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

10. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this

State or doing business in this State, and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State, and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this State of Emergency.

11. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any disaster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or their deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

12. This Order shall take effect at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025, and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
 21st day of August,
 Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
 and of the Independence of the
 United States, the Two Hundred
 and Fiftieth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 397

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 396, declaring a State of Emergency across all twenty-one (21) counties, was issued on Thursday, August 21, 2025, due to Hurricane Erin's offshore impacts, including high winds, coastal flooding, high surf, and dangerous rip currents; and

WHEREAS, the severity of the conditions necessitating the State of Emergency declaration have eased;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Statutes of this State, hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The State of Emergency declared pursuant to Executive Order No. 396 (2025) is terminated effective 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Wednesday, August 27, 2025.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
27th day of August,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Fiftieth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell
Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 398

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, unprecedented acts of terrorism were committed in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, these horrific attacks caused the largest loss of life from a foreign attack on American soil, and the largest single loss of rescue personnel in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, approximately one quarter of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks were New Jerseyans, with nearly 700 residents of our State killed in the attacks; and

WHEREAS, the terrorist attacks on our nation not only caused an immense loss of life, but also inflicted immeasurable agony and anguish on those who lived through the events, which include hundreds of New Jersey families whose lives have been forever altered by the loss of a parent, spouse, child, or other loved one; and

WHEREAS, many New Jerseyans, including thousands of police, fire, military, emergency, and construction personnel bravely responded to this tragedy, and many first responders continue to deal with chronic health effects to this day; and

WHEREAS, twenty-four years later, September 11, 2001 will continue to be remembered by New Jerseyans across the State, both privately and at public remembrances and memorials, and we will reflect on this occasion upon the patriotism and compassion that define us as Americans and as New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, it is also important to remember all those who have served in the U.S. military and intelligence agencies defending our nation during the 24 years since the September 11th attacks, including the thousands of servicemembers who have lost their lives in overseas engagements; and

WHEREAS, we remain grateful to our law enforcement officers, armed forces, and intelligence officers for their extraordinary sacrifices in the protection of our country and our State; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that this day be observed with full solemnity, in honor of the victims of the attacks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, instrumentalities, and all public buildings during appropriate hours on Thursday, September 11, 2025, in recognition and in mourning of the victims of the attacks of September 11, 2001, including those from our home State.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
10th day of September,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Fiftieth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 399

WHEREAS, beginning on Sunday, October 12, 2025, and continuing into Monday, October 13, 2025, the State of New Jersey is forecasted to experience significant hazardous weather conditions due to a coastal storm, including high winds, coastal flooding, high surf, and dangerous rip currents; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a coastal flood watch for all Atlantic coastal and Delaware Bay communities in New Jersey, including Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Salem counties; and

WHEREAS, dangerous rip currents and high surf are expected, with the most severe conditions anticipated at high tides along beaches and bays; and

WHEREAS, moderate to major coastal flooding is expected with isolated instances of inland flash flooding possible; and

WHEREAS, significant beach erosion and dune breaching are possible due to very high surf; and

WHEREAS, significant statewide precipitation of 1 to 3 inches is expected in a short period of time, with localized amounts up to 5 inches possible in some areas; and

WHEREAS, inland winds of 30 to 50 miles per hour are expected, with coastal winds projected to reach as high as 60 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, these severe weather conditions may disrupt typical traffic patterns and cause power outages throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, these serious weather conditions could make it difficult or impossible for residents to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, this storm constitutes an imminent hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of the State; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled in its entirety by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TAHESHA L. WAY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of New Jersey, effective at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 11, 2025; and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to implement the State Emergency Operations Plan and to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans, as necessary, and to coordinate the recovery effort from this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, through the police agencies under his control, and with consideration of any Administrative Order issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation ("the Commissioner"), to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State

Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, and with consideration of any Administrative Order issued by the Commissioner, to determine and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, to prevent ingress or egress, and to determine the type of vehicle or vehicles to be operated on such roadways. I further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Attorney General or Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where their continued presence would present a danger to their health, safety, or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, where the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the

duration of this Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

7. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. In accordance with the N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately-owned property necessary to protect against this Emergency.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

10. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State, and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State, and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this State of

Emergency.

11. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any disaster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or their deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

12. This Order shall take effect at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 11, 2025, and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
10th day of October,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of the
United States, the Two Hundred
and Fiftieth.

[seal]

/s/ Tahesha L. Way
Acting Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor