

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY ON THE RESIGNATION OF BERGEN COUNTY SHERIFF MICHAEL SAUDINO

"With the resignation of Sheriff Saudino, we can now begin the process of restoring faith in the Bergen County Sheriff's Office after so much of it was so quickly eroded. And, we can begin the process of ensuring that the bigoted beliefs displayed by the former Sheriff are not given shelter in any corner of the Bergen County Sheriff's Office – now or in the future.

"I fully intend to appoint an interim sheriff who can rebuild the public's trust. The Bergen County Sheriff's Office is home to countless dedicated officers who no doubt were as horrified and disappointed by their former boss's comments as we were. This is an opportunity for our Administration to work with them, and with the community, to instill new leadership that upholds our shared New Jersey values of inclusion and respect for all."

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