

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 403

WHEREAS, Richard ("Dick") Bruce Cheney, the 46th Vice President of the United States, was born on January 30, 1941, in Lincoln, Nebraska to Marjorie Lorraine (née Dickey) and Richard Herbert Cheney; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Cheney grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska and Casper, Wyoming before earning Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in politics in the Wyoming Legislature and then, in 1969, served as an intern for Congressman William A. Steiger before joining the administration of President Richard Nixon from 1969 to 1971, first on the staff of Donald Rumsfeld who was then the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity and then as a White House Staff Assistant; and

WHEREAS, under President Gerald Ford, Vice President Cheney served as Assistant Director of the Cost of Living Council from 1971 to 1973, as Deputy Assistant to the President from 1974 to 1975, and as White House Chief of Staff from 1975 to 1977; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Vice President Cheney was elected to the United States House of Representatives to represent Wyoming's at-large congressional district, serving six terms from 1979 to 1989, including as Chairman of the House Republican Conference in 1987 and minority whip in 1989; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, President George H. W. Bush nominated Vice President Cheney to be the Secretary of Defense, a position he held through January 1993; and

WHEREAS, while Secretary of Defense, Vice President Cheney oversaw reductions in military spending following the breakup of the Soviet Union, directed the United States' invasion of Panama to remove its leader, Manuel Noriega, for his corruption and drug

trafficking activities, and in 1991 oversaw Operation Desert Storm in the Middle East in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, then Secretary Cheney was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George H. W. Bush for his leadership in the Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, after leaving office as Secretary of Defense in 1993, Vice President Cheney served as a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, and in 1995 became the chairman and chief executive officer of the Halliburton Company, a supplier of products and services to the energy industry; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, George W. Bush, the Republican nominee for president, named Vice President Cheney as his running mate; and

WHEREAS, in January 2001, Vice President Cheney became the nation's 46th Vice President, serving in the administration of President George W. Bush between 2001 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Cheney was a key architect of the Bush administration's foreign and energy policies and the United States' response to the attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, after leaving office, Vice President Cheney remained active in public discourse on political issues; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Cheney was an American businessman and a dedicated public servant who was a towering figure in American politics for many decades; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Cheney is survived by his wife of 61 years Lynne Ann (née Vincent) Cheney, their daughters Elizabeth ("Liz") Lynne Cheney and Mary Cheney and their spouses, and seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Cheney passed away on November 3, 2025, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the life, service, legacy, and many accomplishments of Vice President Cheney, 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 from Wednesday, November 5, 2025, until sunset on the day of his interment, in recognition and mourning of a dedicated public servant, Vice President Cheney.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
5th day of November,
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