

Governor Phil Murphy

Governor Murphy Orders the Lowering of U.S. and New Jersey Flags to Honor Lives Lost in Israel and the Mideast Region

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TRENTON- Governor Phil Murphy today signed Executive Order No. 345, ordering U.S. and New Jersey flags to fly at half-staff from Tuesday, October 10, 2023 through Friday, October 13, 2023 in recognition and in mourning of the lives lost in Israel and in the Mideast Region. Hamas terrorists infiltrated Israel and undertook a coordinated series of horrific attacks coinciding with Shabbat and the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah. The terrorist attacks killed at least 800 innocent Israeli citizens, at least nine United States citizens, and injured thousands more, and caused the escalation of a conflict resulting in the loss of life of hundreds of Palestinians. The number of casualties may grow as more information is reported.

"We will continue to stand with the people of Israel in this dark hour," **said Governor Murphy**. "New Jersey is home to one of the largest Jewish and Israeli American communities in the world and we are proud of our historic and unbreakable relationship with the State of Israel. We mourn for the victims and their families, unequivocally condemn all acts of terrorism against innocent civilians, and pray for peace and security for all of the people of the region."

For a copy of Executive Order No. 345, click [here](#)

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