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Governor Chris Christie Orders Flags Lowered to Half-Staff in Honor of the Passing of Senator Jim Whelan

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Trenton, NJ – Today, Governor Chris Christie signed the following Executive Order:

Executive Order No. 230 - Ordering all State buildings to fly flags at half-staff on Thursday, September 14, 2017 (the date of the scheduled memorial service), in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Senator Jim Whelan.

Senator Whelan began his extraordinary career in public service as a lifeguard with the Atlantic City Beach Patrol. He taught in the Atlantic City School District from 1977 to 1990 and 2002 to 2014. First elected to the Atlantic City Council in 1981, Senator Whelan was elected Mayor in 1989 and served three consecutive terms tirelessly advocating for the city, attracting thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in development. Senator Whelan was elected to represent Legislative District 2 in the New Jersey General Assembly in 2005 and the State Senate in 2007. During that time, he became known for his commitment to promoting tourism in Atlantic City and across the State as Chairman of the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism, and Historic Preservation Committee, where he authored critical legislation such as the law creating the Atlantic City Tourism District and sponsored a law that created a program to encourage veterans to become teachers. Senator Jim Whelan was born in Philadelphia in 1948 and earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Temple University where he was a nationally-ranked swimmer.

"It is with profound sadness that we mourn the passing of Senator Jim Whelan," said Governor Christie. "He was a man of the highest integrity and intellect, who will be remembered by his colleagues in the Legislature and beyond as a respected mentor with a genuine devotion to public service. Atlantic City and our State are a much better place because of Senator Whelan and his legacy. Mary Pat and I extend our deepest sympathies to all of his family, friends, and colleagues."

A copy of the Executive Order is attached.

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