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## On His 500th Day in Office, Governor Murphy Highlights Progress in Building a Stronger and Fairer New Jersey

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**"New Jersey is better than we found it and ready for even better days ahead"**

TRENTON – "Today New Jersey is working for more families and more families are working – from strengthening our economy to making health care more affordable and accessible to expanding pre-K – we're making enormous progress," Governor Phil Murphy noted as he marked his 500th day in office. Governor Murphy announced that the Administration has fulfilled or is meaningfully making strides on 47 out of 52 core campaign commitments to build a stronger and fairer New Jersey that works for every family.

Since Governor Murphy took office in January 2018, he has put the state on the path to fully funding public schools, invested in our middle class by signing legislation raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, ensured paid sick leave and equal pay for equal work, expanded access to medical marijuana, fought the Trump administration's disastrous plan to gut the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and strengthened the state's finances. In addition to these accomplishments, the Administration continues to pursue numerous programs and initiatives that will further its commitment to building a state where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Governor Murphy has signed 290 bills into law in partnership with the Legislature – the most of any Governor at this point in their first term since Governor Whitman – and has issued executive orders ranging from protecting the ACA to preserving our environment. Highlights of the first 500 days include:

- Raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour;
- Enacting paid sick leave for all workers;
- Requiring equal pay for equal work;
- Investing in NJ TRANSIT;
- Making New Jersey a leader in gun safety;
- Moving New Jersey towards clean energy;

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- Expanding pre-K;
- Putting New Jersey on a pathway to fully funding public schools;
- Providing tuition-free community college; and
- Restoring funding to Planned Parenthood.

For a list of Governor Murphy's core campaign commitments, [click here](#).

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