

Governor Phil Murphy

Governor Murphy Directs the Lowering of U.S. and New Jersey Flags in Honor of Former Vice President Dick Cheney

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TRENTON – Governor Murphy today signed Executive Order No. 403 ordering U.S. and New Jersey flags to fly at half-staff from Wednesday, November 5, 2025, until sunset on the day of his interment, in recognition and mourning of a dedicated public servant, 46th Vice President Richard (“Dick”) Bruce Cheney.

Vice President Dick Cheney was born on January 30, 1941, in Lincoln, Nebraska. After graduating from the University of Wyoming, he began his career in public service and went on to serve as White House Chief of Staff under President Gerald Ford and as Wyoming's representative in Congress for six terms. Appointed Secretary of Defense by President George H. W. Bush, Cheney oversaw Operation Desert Storm and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1991. He later served as Vice President from 2001 to 2009 and played a key role in shaping U.S. foreign policy following the September 11 attacks. Vice President Cheney is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lynne Vincent Cheney, their daughters, Liz and Mary Cheney, and their grandchildren.

“For decades, Vice President Cheney was a towering figure in American politics who had a monumental impact on world history,” **said Governor Murphy.** “His life story is a testament to persistence and determination. We are grateful for his years of service and are keeping his family and loved ones in our prayers.”

For a copy of Executive Order No. 403, click

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