

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22**

WHEREAS, First Lady Barbara Bush was born Barbara Pierce on June 8, 1925 to Pauline and Marvin Pierce in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, when Barbara was 16 and on Christmas vacation, she met George H.W. Bush, who at the time was serving in the U.S. Navy, and they were married almost four years later in 1945; and

WHEREAS, over the next thirteen years, George and Barbara Bush had six children; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush played a crucial role in her husband's political career as he was elected to Congress in 1966 and subsequently held numerous high offices, including U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, U.S. Ambassador to China, Director of Central Intelligence, Vice President of the United States from 1981 to 1989, and President of the United States from 1989 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush served as First Lady of the United States from 1989 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Barbara Bush established the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy and championed the cause of eliminating illiteracy; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush provided guidance and support to her first-born child, George W. Bush, who followed in his father's footsteps and was elected President of the United States in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush remained passionate about literacy throughout her life and millions of parents and children across the country have benefited from the Barbara Bush Foundation's literacy programs; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush also volunteered for numerous charitable causes, including the United Negro College Fund, which funds scholarships for a number of historically Black colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, wife, and distinguished First Lady; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow that we mourn the loss of Barbara Bush, and we extend our sincerest sympathies to her family, friends, and many admirers; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on us to honor First Lady Barbara Bush and to mark the passing of this inspiring woman, whose legacy will continue to be felt for many generations;

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 on Thursday, April 19, 2018, in recognition and mourning of the passing of First Lady Barbara Bush.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

[seal] GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of April,  
Two Thousand and Eighteen, and  
of the Independence of the  
United States, the Two Hundred  
and Forty-Second.

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin

Chief Counsel to the Governor