

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 49

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Albert Burstein was born Albert S. Burstein on November 22, 1922, in Jersey City and was a longtime resident of Tenafly; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Burstein graduated from Columbia College and Columbia Law School and served in the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Burstein was named to the French Legion of Honor and received a Bronze Star for his bravery on the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Burstein served as executive director of and counsel to the Jersey City Charter Commission; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Burstein was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly in 1971 and served there until January 1982; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Burstein was elected to serve as the Assembly Majority Leader following the 1976 election cycle; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Burstein advanced many important causes during his time as a public servant, including legislation to reform New Jersey's election and public financing laws and efforts to make the State's school funding system more equitable; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Burstein chaired the New Jersey Election Law Revision Committee and the Law Revision Commission; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Burstein co-founded and practiced law at Herten Burstein LLC, which merged with Archer PC in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law honored Assemblyman Burstein as "Lawyer of the Year" in 1999 and awarded him its Daniel J. O'Hern Professionalism Award in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Burstein was known as a noteworthy jazz pianist and tennis player; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Burstein was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, whose presence will be missed by his family, his friends, his colleagues, and by the people of New Jersey whom he served well; and

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness that we mourn Assemblyman Burstein's passing, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the exemplary character, outstanding achievements, and cherished memory of Assemblyman Albert Burstein, and to mark his passing;

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 Monday, January 7, 2019, in recognition and mourning of a committed public servant, Assemblyman Albert S. Burstein.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
4th day of January,
Two Thousand and Nineteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Third.

[seal]

/s/Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin

Chief Counsel to the Governor