

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 236

WHEREAS, Walter Frederick "Fritz" Mondale was a dedicated lifelong public servant and a staunch advocate for civil rights who passionately fought for all Americans, and who served as the 42nd Vice President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Mondale was born on January 5, 1928, in Ceylon, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Mondale began serving as Attorney General of Minnesota in 1960, and in that role joined a brief in support of indigent defendants' right to counsel in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case *Gideon v. Wainwright*; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Mondale played a critical role at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1964, where he helped negotiate an agreement banning segregated delegations; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Mondale served as a United States Senator from Minnesota from 1964 to 1976, during which time he supported voting rights, fair housing, women's rights, and environmental protection laws, and championed causes such as desegregation, education and childcare, healthcare, and consumer protection; and

WHEREAS, Democratic nominee for President Jimmy Carter asked then-Senator Mondale to be his running mate in the 1976 presidential election; and

WHEREAS, the Carter-Mondale ticket won the 1976 election, making Walter Mondale the 42nd Vice President of the United States, a position he held until 1981; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Mondale was a true partner to President Carter and played an active role in domestic and international policy, and for that reason is widely recognized as

having transformed the role of Vice President of the United States into what it is today; and

WHEREAS, during his time as vice president, Vice President Mondale advocated for labor policies that helped the unemployed, supported affirmative action, played a role in negotiating the Camp David Accords and the Panama Canal treaty ratification, opposed apartheid in South Africa, and worked to resettle Vietnam War refugees; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Mondale secured the Democratic nomination for President in 1984, in part due to his victory in the New Jersey presidential primary, and made history by selecting Representative Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York as his running mate, which made Representative Ferraro the first woman to be on a major party national ticket; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Mondale served as President Bill Clinton's Ambassador to Japan from 1993 to 1996 and Special Envoy to Indonesia in 1998; and

WHEREAS, I had the privilege of meeting Vice President Mondale more than 15 years ago, when I served as National Finance Chair of the Democratic National Committee, and am honored to have counted him as a friend; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Mondale remained actively engaged in politics and public service into his nineties; and

WHEREAS, Joan Mondale, Vice President Mondale's wife, died in 2014, and Eleanor Mondale Poling, his daughter, died in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Mondale passed away at the age of 93 on April 19, 2021, in Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Mondale is survived by, among others, his two sons, four grandchildren, and two step-granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Mondale will be sorely missed not only by his family, friends, and colleagues, to whom he bade farewell in a letter before his death, but also by all of the people of the United States, in service of whom he dedicated his career; and

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and gratitude we mourn the passing of Vice President Mondale, who brought humor, dignity, kindness, and honesty to his many decades of public service; and

WHEREAS, President Biden, with whom Vice President Mondale served in the U.S. Senate, has issued a proclamation ordering that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff at the White House and on all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions, and at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations, until sunset, on the day of interment;

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 remain at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours until sunset on the day of interment, consistent with federal law and directives, in recognition and mourning of a passionate, committed, lifelong public servant, Vice President Walter Mondale.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
21st day of April,
Two Thousand and Twenty-one,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor