

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Peter J. Barnes, Jr. was a dedicated public servant who served his country and the State of New Jersey for over 70 years; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Barnes was born in 1928 in East Providence, Rhode Island and graduated from Providence College; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Barnes served honorably from 1946 to 1948 as a Private First Class in the United States Army Military Police Corps; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Barnes accumulated a distinguished record of public service as a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stationed in California and New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Barnes faithfully served the towns of Edison and East Brunswick as Director of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Barnes represented the 18th Legislative District in the New Jersey General Assembly from 1996 to 2007, serving as Majority Whip for five years, as Chairman of the Law and Public Safety Committee, and as a member of the Regulatory Oversight and Human Services Committees; and

WHEREAS, I had the privilege of serving alongside Assemblyman Barnes from 2004 to 2007 and was proud to call him a colleague and friend; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Barnes was the primary sponsor of 62 bills that became law and contributed significantly to many important causes during his time in the Assembly, including criminal justice issues; and

WHEREAS, after his time in the Assembly, Assemblyman Barnes continued to serve our State as Chairman of the New Jersey State Parole Board; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Barnes was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather who earned the enduring respect of his colleagues during his career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Barnes will be dearly missed by those who knew him, and the people of New Jersey who he so ably served; and

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of Assemblyman Barnes, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the exemplary service, character, and achievements of Assemblyman Barnes, and to mark his passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHEILA Y. OLIVER, Acting 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 Friday, September 14, 2018, in recognition and mourning of a dedicated and tireless public servant, Assemblyman Peter J. Barnes, Jr.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

[seal] GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
13th day of September,
Two Thousand and Eighteen, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two Hundred
and Forty-Third.

/s/ Sheila Y. Oliver

Acting Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin

Chief Counsel to the Governor