

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 341

WHEREAS, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU") President Joseph L. Fiordaliso, a consummate public servant, was born and raised in the Ironbound section of Newark, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Montclair State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business education, President Fiordaliso spent nearly two decades teaching at Vailsburg High School and Bloomfield High School from 1967 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, President Fiordaliso also taught as an adjunct professor of accounting at the County College of Morris for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, President Fiordaliso began his career in public service in 1988 when he was elected to an open seat on the Livingston Township Council; and

WHEREAS, President Fiordaliso was re-elected to the Livingston Township Council in 1992 and again in 1996, becoming Livingston's second three-term councilman; and

WHEREAS, President Fiordaliso served as Livingston's mayor three times during his twelve-year tenure on the Council; and

WHEREAS, President Fiordaliso also served as Essex County's director of planning and development; and

WHEREAS, President Fiordaliso worked as the director of government relations at Saint Barnabas Health Care System; and

WHEREAS, in the early 2000s, President Fiordaliso ran then-Senate President Richard J. Codey's district office, and was named Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor when Senate President Codey became Governor Codey in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Governor Codey nominated President Fiordaliso to serve on the BPU in December 2005, and President Fiordaliso was confirmed by the Senate; and

WHEREAS, President Fiordaliso was renominated in 2011 and again in 2013 to continue serving on the BPU, and was confirmed by the Senate both times; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2018, I appointed President Fiordaliso to serve in my cabinet as President of the BPU; and

WHEREAS, I also appointed President Fiordaliso to the State Planning Commission, as co-chair of the New Jersey Council on the Green Economy, and as chair of the State Broadband Commission; and

WHEREAS, President Fiordaliso understood the importance of New Jersey's role regionally and nationally in building clean and reliable energy infrastructure and was a member of various national utility regulatory associations, including the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in May 2023, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission appointed President Fiordaliso to the Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of my Administration, President Fiordaliso skillfully led our work to responsibly transition to a clean energy economy while always putting the needs of ratepayers and consumers first; and

WHEREAS, President Fiordaliso was a key figure in the State's storm response efforts, working tirelessly with our utility companies to ensure power was restored to as many New Jersey households as swiftly and safely as possible; and

WHEREAS, President Fiordaliso fought to ensure that all New Jerseyans had access to critical services like clean water, electricity, heating, and broadband; and

WHEREAS, during his lifelong career in public service, President Fiordaliso was known for his quick wit and collegiality, and he earned the respect of all of his colleagues, on both sides of the aisle; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2023, President Fiordaliso tragically passed away at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, Tammy and I are heartbroken at the loss of our friend and colleague, and we will dearly miss his infectious personality and optimistic, but practical, approach to public service and state government; and

WHEREAS, our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to his wife Marilyn, his children Dana and Joe, his beloved six grandchildren, and all those who knew and loved him;

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 from Wednesday, September 13, 2023, through Thursday, September 14, 2023, in recognition and mourning of a dedicated lifelong public servant, BPU President Joseph L. Fiordaliso.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
11th day of September,
Two Thousand and Twenty-three,
and of the Independence of the
United States, the Two Hundred
and Forty-Eighth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Lisa M. Almeida

Deputy Chief Counsel to the Governor