

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 293**

WHEREAS, Madeleine Jana Korbel Albright, the first woman to serve as U.S. Secretary of State, dedicated her entire life to diplomacy, public service, and global humanitarian interests; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Albright was born on May 15, 1937 in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and after fleeing Nazi invaders and Communist oppressors, her family arrived in America seeking refuge in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Albright proudly became a United States citizen in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Albright demonstrated brilliance and academic excellence from an early age, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Wellesley College in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Albright went on to attend Columbia University, where she earned her Master's degree in International Affairs in 1968 and her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Public Law and Government in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Albright entered the national political scene as an assistant to Senator Edmund Muskie in 1972, and became his chief legislative assistant from 1976 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Albright thereafter served in numerous high-ranking roles in public service, including as a foreign policy advisor to presidential candidates Walter Mondale, Michael Dukakis, and William Clinton; and

WHEREAS, in January 1993, Secretary Albright was appointed by President Clinton as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, and served in this role during the Clinton administration's first term; and

WHEREAS, after the 1996 presidential election, Secretary Albright was nominated by President Clinton to be Secretary of State, and was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS, when Secretary Albright was sworn in as Secretary of State in January 1997, she became the first woman to serve in this post in our nation's history and the highest ranking woman in the history of U.S. government up to that point; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Albright successfully promoted the expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization ("NATO") into Eastern Europe, and the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Albright played a critical role in the global expansion of free-market democratization and the progress made to fight climate change under the Kyoto Protocol; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Albright was a key figure in NATO's military action in Kosovo to protect ethnic Albanians from atrocities; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Albright was a director of the Council on Foreign Relations and a professor at Georgetown University for many years after leaving public office; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, President Barack Obama awarded Secretary Albright the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her lifetime of service; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Albright remained a champion of democracy and human rights each and every day of her life; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Albright's integrity, decency, and optimism represented the best of America and will sorely be missed in our public life; and

WHEREAS, it is with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of Secretary Albright, and extend our deepest of sympathies to her daughters, Alice, Anne, and Katie, their entire family, and Secretary Albright's many friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, it is proper that we recognize the unparalleled life and enduring legacy of Secretary Albright, and mark her 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 until sunset on Sunday, March 27, 2022, in recognition and mourning of an American icon, Secretary Madeleine Albright.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
25<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
Two Thousand and Twenty-two,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor