

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 347**

WHEREAS, First Lady Eleanor Rosalynn Carter was born on August 18, 1927 in Plains, Georgia, where she grew up; and

WHEREAS, Rosalynn attended and graduated from Georgia Southwestern College in 1946; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, Rosalynn married James Earl Carter, Jr. ("Jimmy"), who served as a Georgia State Senator and Governor of Georgia before becoming the 39<sup>th</sup> President of the United States in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Rosalynn and Jimmy had four children: John William "Jack"; James Earl "Chip" III; Donnel Jeffrey "Jeff"; and Amy Lynn; and

WHEREAS, Rosalynn strongly supported her husband's career and campaigns and served as the First Lady of Georgia from 1971 to 1975, and then as First Lady of the United States from 1977 to 1981; and

WHEREAS, Rosalynn served as an active First Lady working hand in hand with her husband to support and effectuate his policies and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Rosalynn traveled to many foreign countries as President Carter's representative; and

WHEREAS, Rosalynn and Jimmy often spoke with great regard of their equal partnership and Rosalynn advocated nationally for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment; and

WHEREAS, before, during, and after her tenure as First Lady of the United States, Rosalynn remained devoted to advocating for mental health reform, serving on the Georgia Governor's Commission to Improve Services for the Mentally and Emotionally Handicapped and as an active honorary chair of the President's Commission on Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Rosalynn co-founded the Carter Center, a not-for-profit institution, where she served on the Board of Trustees and as the chair of the Carter Center Mental Health Task Force, an advisory board that promoted positive change in the field of mental health; and

WHEREAS, Rosalynn became an Honorary Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, served as a board member emeritus of the National Mental Health Association, and became chair of the International Women Leaders for Mental Health in 1992; and

WHEREAS, after the Carter presidency ended, Rosalynn continued to actively pursue other policy initiatives alongside her husband by, among other things, assisting in brokering international peace deals in the Middle East and building homes to aid low-income residents with members of Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, Rosalynn will be remembered as a gracious and dedicated First Lady of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Rosalynn will also be remembered for her devotion to her family as a loving and supportive wife and mother; and

WHEREAS, Rosalynn will be deeply missed by her family and the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness that we mourn Eleanor Rosalynn Carter's passing, and extend our deepest sympathy to her family and friends, especially President Carter, her beloved husband; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to celebrate the outstanding achievements and cherished memory of Eleanor Rosalynn Carter and to 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 during appropriate hours on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, in recognition and mourning of First Lady Eleanor Rosalynn Carter.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of November,  
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/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor