

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 355

WHEREAS, former Senator and Assemblyman Paul J. Contillo was born on July 8, 1929, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, while attending James Madison High School in Brooklyn, Senator Contillo met his future wife, Kathleen McConville, to whom he would remain married for 69 years and with whom he would have six children, Joan, Robert, Debra, Kathleen, Margaret, and Angela, eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Senator Contillo served his country in the United States Naval Reserve, attended Brooklyn College and Rutgers University, and founded the Allied Reproductions printing company; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Paramus, New Jersey, Senator Contillo served in the 1960s as chairman of the local zoning board during a period of significant development; and

WHEREAS, Senator Contillo was elected to the Paramus Council in 1970, where he would serve from 1971 to 1973; and

WHEREAS, Senator Contillo was elected in 1973 to the New Jersey General Assembly, where he represented the 38th Legislative District from 1974 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, Senator Contillo was elected in 1983 to the New Jersey Senate, where he represented the 38th Legislative District from 1984 to 1992 and served as Assistant Majority Leader; and

WHEREAS, Senator Contillo again served in the General Assembly from November 2013 to January 2014 after being selected to serve the remainder of the term of an Assemblyperson for the 38th Legislative District who resigned early; and

WHEREAS, Senator Contillo championed legislation to promote ethics in government, including the Local Government Ethics Law, and to protect the environment, including bills mandating

recycling and preventing development in areas where it would harm the water supply; and

WHEREAS, Senator Contillo's commitment to good government extended beyond his service in the Legislature, including through his years chairing Common Cause New Jersey and through his service as Chairman of the Bergen County Ethics Board and Chairman of the New Jersey School Board Ethics Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Contillo was appointed by Governor Jim McGreevey in 2003 as Vice Chairman of the State Parole Board, where he served until 2009; and

WHEREAS, Senator Contillo passed away on February 6, 2024, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, Senator Contillo was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Senator Contillo will be remembered not only for his lifetime of public service, but also for his deep faith and his ability to work across the aisle to promote the public good; and

WHEREAS, as we mourn the passing of Senator Contillo, it is appropriate to recognize and honor his legacy as a public servant and his commitment to Paramus, the 38th Legislative District, Bergen County, and the State of New Jersey;

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 Friday, February 16, 2024, in recognition and mourning of

Senator and Assemblyman Paul J. Contillo, a dedicated public servant.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
15th day of February,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Four,
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