

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 66**

WHEREAS, Senator Thomas Gagliano was born S. Thomas Gagliano on November 10, 1931, in Long Branch, and graduated from Long Brach High School in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gagliano served in the United States Navy in Korea and graduated from Brown University in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gagliano served as an aide to U.S. Representative James C. Auchincloss while attending Georgetown University Law School, where he graduated in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gagliano returned to New Jersey and ultimately became a named partner at Gagliano, Tucci, Iadanza, and Reisner, where his practice primarily involved representing municipal governments, land-use boards, and authorities, including Holmdel Township, the Shrewsbury Zoning Board, and the Monmouth County Welfare Board; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gagliano served on the Oceanport Planning Board from 1962 to 1965; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gagliano was elected to the Oceanport Borough Council in 1967 and served until 1970; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gagliano served as Monmouth County Surrogate from 1971 until 1976; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gagliano was elected to the New Jersey State Senate in 1977 and served there until May 1989; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gagliano served as Senate Minority Leader in 1985 and 1986; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gagliano advanced many important causes during his tenure as the ranking member of the Transportation and Communications Committee, and was instrumental in the creation of what is now New Jersey Transit; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gagliano was appointed Executive Director of New Jersey Transit, where he served from 1989 until 1991; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gagliano continued to work on behalf of New Jersey after his retirement from government service in 1991 by forming and serving as the president of the Jersey Shore Partnership, a public-private partnership whose goal is to initiate a stable source of funding for coastal protection and provide for other Jersey Shore enhancement; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gagliano was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, whose presence will be missed by his family, his friends, his colleagues, and by the people of New Jersey whom he served well; and

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness that we mourn Senator Gagliano's passing, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the exemplary character, outstanding achievements, and cherished memory of Senator Gagliano, and to mark his 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 Wednesday, April 17, 2019, in recognition and mourning of a committed public servant, Senator Thomas Gagliano.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
16<sup>th</sup> day of April,  
Two Thousand and Nineteen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Forty-Third.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin

Chief Counsel to the Governor