

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 230**

WHEREAS, Senator Jim Whelan was born in Philadelphia in 1948, and earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Temple University, where he was a nationally-ranked swimmer; and

WHEREAS, Senator Whelan began his extraordinary career in public service as a teenager, serving as a lifeguard with the Atlantic City Beach Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Senator Whelan was a teacher in the Atlantic City School District from 1977 to 1990, and then again from 2002 through 2014, where he helped shape the minds of Atlantic City's youth; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Senator Whelan was elected to the Atlantic City Council, and in 1989, he was elected mayor of Atlantic City, and served three consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, as mayor of Atlantic City, Senator Whelan was a tireless advocate for the City, attracting thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in development; and

WHEREAS, Senator Whelan was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly in 2005, and to the State Senate in 2007, representing Legislative District 2, which includes Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, during his years in the Legislature, Senator Whelan became especially known for his commitment to promoting tourism both in Atlantic City and across the State through his service as Chairman of the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism, and Historic Preservation Committee, and his authorship of critical legislation, including the law creating the Atlantic City Tourism District; and

WHEREAS, Senator Whelan was also known for his advocacy on behalf of New Jersey's veterans and active duty military, and notably sponsored legislation creating a program to encourage veterans to join his beloved career of teaching; and

WHEREAS, Senator Whelan was well known by his colleagues, both in the Legislature and beyond, as a man of the highest integrity and intellect, and as a respected mentor with a devotion to public service; and

WHEREAS, Senator Whelan was a loving husband and father, and he will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the passing of Senator Jim Whelan, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, 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 Thursday, September 14, 2017 in recognition and mourning of the passing of Senator Jim Whelan.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
25<sup>th</sup> day of August,  
Two Thousand and Seventeen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Forty-Second.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ James J. DiGiulio

Chief Counsel to the Governor