

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28

WHEREAS, Frank J. "Pat" Dodd made a significant contribution to the State of New Jersey through his three decades of public service; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dodd served New Jersey as an Assemblyman, Senator, Senate President, Acting Governor, and Vice Chairman of the Casino Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dodd was born in Orange Township, Essex County, and lived in Essex County for most of his career in state government before moving to Monmouth County; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dodd attended Upsala College and Seton Hall University, and also received an Honorary Law Degree from Seton Hall University; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dodd served in the New Jersey National Guard, attaining the rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dodd was elected to New Jersey's General Assembly, where he served from 1966 to 1970; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the Assembly, Senator Dodd served on the Labor Relations, Banking and Insurance, and Public Safety, Defense, and Veterans' Affairs Committees; and

WHEREAS, during Senator Dodd's tenure in the Assembly he was also a member of the State Tax Policy Commission, served as the first Chairman of the Governor's Youth Task Force, and served on the Consumer Fraud, Solid Waste Disposal, Welfare Study, and Clean Air Commissions; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dodd was subsequently elected to the New Jersey State Senate in 1972 and served in the Senate until 1982; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the Senate, Senator Dodd was elected as Senate President in 1974 and 1975, and in that capacity, also served as Acting Governor; and

WHEREAS, during his period of service in the Senate, Senator Dodd also served on the Agriculture and Environment Committee, the Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee, and the Revenue, Finance, and Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dodd served as Chairman of the Legislative Services Commission and as Chairman of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee; and

WHEREAS, during Senator Dodd's time in the Legislature he co-authored the New Jersey Casino Control Act; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dodd served as Chairman of the New Jersey Hazardous Waste Siting Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 Senator Dodd was appointed to a five-year term on the New Jersey Casino Control Commission where he served as a Commissioner and Vice Chairman through 1993; and

WHEREAS, outside of Senator Dodd's long career in state government he was a businessman in the hospitality industry, and served as a special envoy for the United States Department of State on various off shore and energy related issues; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dodd is remembered for his gregarious nature, optimism, humor, and ability to bring people together; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dodd was a trusted advisor, friend, and mentor to many people; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Senator Dodd, and extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, sister, extended family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his achievements and service to New Jersey, it is fitting and appropriate to honor the memory and passing of Senator Frank J. "Pat" Dodd;

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 the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, May 24, 2010, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Senator Dodd.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
21st day of May,
Two Thousand and Ten, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Fourth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor