

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 393**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recently passed and the President signed Public Law 119-21; and

WHEREAS, this legislation, named the One Big Beautiful Bill Act ("OBBBA"), is both fiscally and morally irresponsible; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA will harm hard-working American families, our nation's children and future generations, and our efforts to deliver an affordable clean-energy future; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA will add trillions of dollars to the national debt; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA is projected to exacerbate inflation and increase the federal government's debt servicing costs, so the American people will pay more for less; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA slashes funding for Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly known as SNAP or the food stamp program, and other essential programs -- all while providing tax cuts and benefits to the ultra-wealthy; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Human Services estimates that approximately 350,000 New Jersey residents -- or one in five New Jerseyans currently covered by NJ FamilyCare, New Jersey's Medicaid program -- will lose health care coverage due to the OBBBA's new eligibility restrictions and new bureaucratic requirements that create paperwork barriers to eligible individuals obtaining benefits; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA is expected to cut federal funding for New Jersey's health care system by more than \$3 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA shifts costs of administering SNAP from the federal government to the States, putting food assistance for about 800,000 New Jersey residents in jeopardy unless the State pays potentially hundreds of millions of dollars and our counties pay tens of millions more; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA jeopardizes access to quality, affordable health care for Americans who obtain health insurance through marketplaces like Get Covered New Jersey by introducing unnecessary bureaucratic requirements and by terminating tax credits that currently reduce premiums for over 454,000 New Jersey residents by a total of more than half a billion dollars, such that the Department of Banking and Insurance estimates that the average person receiving tax credits will see their annual costs go up by 110 percent (an increase of approximately \$1,260 per person or \$4,168 per family of four on average); and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA's cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, and other programs that promote the stability of families with children threaten to increase the number of cases of child maltreatment necessitating child welfare services; and

WHEREAS, Americans want lower electricity bills and cleaner air; and

WHEREAS, the OBBBA eliminates tax savings and incentives for American families who choose to purchase electric vehicles, to make their homes more efficient, or to lower their bills by installing solar panels or joining community solar projects, all while bailing out polluting fossil fuel industries; and

WHEREAS, eliminating tax credits for solar energy projects will suppress the development of these critical clean energy resources, hindering efforts to bring online necessary new electric capacity in response to rising demand and further raising electricity prices for New Jersey residents, as well as depriving New Jersey of valuable employment and economic development benefits the solar industry has brought to the State; and

WHEREAS, because many of the most harmful and unpopular provisions in this law will not take effect immediately, much of the pain that the OBBBA will inflict on the American people will not be

felt until after the next re-election campaigns of the politicians who voted for it; and

WHEREAS, because of its partially delayed impacts, the OBBBA is like a time bomb for State budgets and State-administered programs, which will not detonate until after my term as Governor expires; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the OBBBA's partially delayed impacts, it is necessary for State agencies to begin immediately assessing the law's anticipated impacts and evaluating potential actions available to the State to protect the State's finances and its residents' interests; and

WHEREAS, certain actions that the State and its agencies may desire to take in response to the OBBBA would require action by the Legislature and could not be accomplished through executive action alone;

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. All State agencies shall immediately review the OBBBA for the purposes of assessing its impacts on their budgets, operations, and programs, including services provided to New Jersey residents, and of developing recommended measures to protect the State's finances and its residents' interests from the effects of the OBBBA.

2. No later than October 1, 2025, all State agencies shall provide to the Office of the Governor a preliminary assessment of the OBBBA's impacts on their budgets, operations, and programs, including services provided to New Jersey residents, and a list of any related legislative measures that the State agencies recommend that the Governor support during the current annual session of the Legislature.

3. No later than November 15, 2025, all State agencies shall provide to the Office of the Governor a preliminary list of any non-legislative measures that the State agencies recommend considering

to address the adverse impacts of the OBBBA on their budgets, operations, and programs, and on New Jersey's residents.

4. For purposes of this Order, "State agency" shall mean any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of State government and any agency, authority, board, bureau, commission, division, institution, office, or other instrumentality within or created by any such department, and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality, or agency over which the Governor exercises executive authority, as determined by the Attorney General.

5. The Office of the Governor shall review the preliminary assessments and recommendations submitted pursuant to this Order and shall coordinate responsive activities among State agencies. Additionally, the Governor may consider any additional legislation, gubernatorial measures, and cabinet-level actions to address the impacts of the OBBBA.

6. Any reports, records, recommendations, or other information created pursuant to this Order shall constitute advisory, consultative, and deliberative materials for the Governor's review and shall be deemed to be confidential, non-public, and not subject to the Open Public Records Act, P.L.1963, c.73, as amended and supplemented.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of July,  
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,  
and of the Independence of the  
United States, the Two Hundred  
and Fiftieth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor