WHEREAS, Senator C. Robert Sarcone was a dedicated public servant who tirelessly served his country and the people of New Jersey for many years; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sarcone was born on August 3, 1925, in Newark; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sarcone graduated from Barringer High School in Newark, attended Muhlenberg College and Columbia University, and received his law degree from Rutgers Law School; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sarcone served in the United States Navy from February 1943 to August 1946, and was stationed in the Pacific Theater during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sarcone was an accomplished trial attorney who served as an Assistant Essex County Prosecutor and as Deputy Attorney General of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sarcone was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly as an at-large Essex County representative in 1959 and again in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sarcone served as Assembly Minority Leader in 1962; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, at the age of 38, Senator Sarcone was elected as the youngest member of the New Jersey State Senate, and served in the Senate from 1964 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sarcone ran for the Republican nomination for Governor in 1977, and then resumed practicing law for the next four decades; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sarcone will be sorely missed by his family, including his wife, Jeanette, his daughter, Yvonne, his three grandchildren, his seven great-grandchildren, his friends, his colleagues, and by the people of New Jersey whom he served tirelessly; and
WHEREAS, it is with great sorrow that we mourn the passing of Senator Sarcone, 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 Sarcone, 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 Friday, January 24, 2020, in recognition and mourning of a dedicated and tireless public servant, Senator C. Robert Sarcone.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 23rd day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Forty-Fourth.

[seal] /s/ Philip D. Murphy Governor

Attest:
/s/ Robert L. Garrenger III
Acting Chief Counsel to the Governor