

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20**

WHEREAS, United States Representative and New Jersey Senator Frank Joseph Guarini, Jr. was born on August 20, 1924, in Jersey City, New Jersey to Caroline Loretta and Frank J. Guarini, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Representative Guarini, after graduating from Abraham Lincoln High School in Jersey City, served in the United States Navy and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal and three Battle Stars for his service as an officer aboard the flagship vessel of the Pacific fleet during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Representative Guarini received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College, and Juris Doctor and Master of Laws degrees from New York University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Representative Guarini was admitted to the New Jersey bar in 1951 and founded the law firm Guarini & Guarini, LLC, in Jersey City; and

WHEREAS, Representative Guarini served two terms in the New Jersey Senate from 1966 to 1972, where he was a member of the Appropriations, Transportation and Environmental Committees; and

WHEREAS, Representative Guarini was elected to the United States House of Representatives to represent New Jersey's 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, serving seven terms from 1979 to 1993, during which he served on the Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, as a Member of Congress, Representative Guarini fought to preserve the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes, pushed for funds to renovate public housing, and championed legislation supporting fair trade and education; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Representative Guarini was a member of the first China trade mission conferred with Deng Xiaoping, Chairman of the Central Advisory Commission of the Communist Party, to discuss opening China to the trade world, which mission developed the framework for a clearer understanding about trade; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Representative Guarini chaired the New Jersey Delegation to the Democratic National Convention, which cast the deciding floor vote for Walter Mondale as President and Geraldine Ferraro as Vice President, the first woman ever to be selected on the national ticket of a major political party; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Representative Guarini served as a United States delegate to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in London, following the fall of the Berlin Wall; and

WHEREAS, Representative Guarini was a sponsor of the Employee Educational Assistance Act of 1991, which provided a tax deduction for employers who paid for further education of their workers while not requiring the workers to pay income tax on the money they received; and

WHEREAS, as a member of Congress, Representative Guarini served on Congressional trade missions to each continent and met with heads of state and business leaders to promote closer trade relations, including his participation in the implementation of the Free Trade Agreements with Canada, Mexico, and Israel; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, President Bill Clinton appointed Representative Guarini to serve as the United States Representative to the General Assembly of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Representative Guarini established the Frank J. Guarini School of Graduate and Advanced Studies at Dartmouth College, and the Guarini Institute for Global Legal Studies and

the Guarini Center for Environmental, Energy, and Land Use Law at New York University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Representative Guarini spearheaded the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission (later the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission), bringing planned development to 18,000 acres of land in 14 contiguous municipalities in Hudson and Bergen Counties; and

WHEREAS, Representative Guarini was a member of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and was bestowed Italy's highest civilian honor, the Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic; and

WHEREAS, Representative Guarini was named "Man of the Year" by the United States Court of International Trade, designated a "Clean Air Champion" by the Sierra Club, and received Lifetime Achievement Awards from the National Italian American Foundation, John Cabot University, and the Hudson County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Representative Guarini was a generous philanthropist, having made gifts to numerous institutions including John Cabot University, Dartmouth College, New York University School of Law, Jersey City Medical Center, and the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Representative Guarini passed away on June 20, 2026, in Jersey City, at the age of 101; and

WHEREAS, Representative Guarini is survived by his sister, Caroline Marie Mangin, nephew Peter Mangin, niece Carol Mangin Maurer, several cousins, and countless friends and loved ones around the world; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor Representative Guarini, whose life was exemplified by a commitment to public service and leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKIE SHERRILL, 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, July 1, 2026, in recognition and mourning of a dedicated and proud public servant, Representative Frank Joseph Guarini, Jr.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
30<sup>th</sup> day of June,  
Two Thousand and Twenty-Six,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Fiftieth.

[seal]

/s/ Mikie Sherrill

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Timothy P. Lydon

Chief Counsel to the Governor