

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 385

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2025, the roof of the historical, and well recognized Jet Set nightclub, located in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, collapsed during an event that was attended by over 400 people; and

WHEREAS, it took first responders approximately three days to clear the rubble and complete the search and rescue of the hundreds of people who were trapped as a result of the collapse; and

WHEREAS, the latest reports indicate that the collapse claimed the lives of at least 226 people and injured at least 181 people; and

WHEREAS, at least four New Jersey residents were killed in this tragic event, and others are likely among those injured or still unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, the numbers of casualties are likely to rise in the coming days as more information is gathered; and

WHEREAS, the Dominican Republic declared April 8 through April 14, 2025, as a period of national mourning in memory of the hundreds of lives lost; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is proud of its relationship with the Dominican Republic and has one of the largest Dominican communities in the United States, with over 360,000 Dominicans residing here, according to the latest census; and

WHEREAS, we mourn for all of the victims of this horrific incident, and the families of those impacted, including the many Dominican families residing here in New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TAHESHA L. WAY, Acting 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 Monday, April 21, 2025, in recognition and mourning of all of the lives lost and shattered by the recent tragedy resulting from the roof collapse at Jet Set nightclub in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
17th day of April,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Tahesha L. Way

Acting Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell

Chief Counsel to the Governor