

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 366

WHEREAS, United States Representative Bill Pascrell was born William James Pascrell Jr. on January 25, 1937, in Paterson, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the grandson of Italian immigrants, Representative Pascrell was the first member of his family to complete high school, having graduated from St. John the Baptist High School in Paterson in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pascrell went on to attend Fordham University, earning a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1959 and a master's degree in philosophy in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pascrell served honorably in the United States Army and the United States Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, before embarking on his career in elected office, Representative Pascrell was a devoted educator and community leader who served as a high school teacher in Paramus, an adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University, the President of the Paterson Board of Education, and a member of Passaic County Community College's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Representative Pascrell was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly to represent the 35th Legislative District; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Representative Pascrell was elected as Mayor of the City of Paterson; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pascrell continued to serve as the Mayor of Paterson and as a Member of the General Assembly until 1997, including service as minority leader pro tempore in the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pascrell's remarkable 14-term tenure in Congress began with his election in 1996 to the United States House of Representatives to represent New Jersey's former 8th

Congressional District, and continued with his election in 2012 to represent New Jersey's 9th Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, as a Member of Congress, Representative Pascrell was an unwavering champion of our most vulnerable neighbors who promoted policies designed to enhance economic opportunity, improve health care access and affordability, protect the safety of families attending houses of worship, and establish fairer tax policies; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pascrell also was a tireless advocate for servicemembers and first responders and families who lost loved ones in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pascrell took great pride in serving the people and values of the City of Paterson and helped establish Paterson's Great Falls as a national historical park; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pascrell was a loving husband to Elsie, his wife of six decades, father to their three children - Bill, David, and Glenn - and grandfather to six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness that we mourn the passing of Representative Pascrell, who will be sorely missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and the people of New Jersey's 9th Congressional District and his beloved City of Paterson; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the life, legacy, friendship, and many accomplishments of Representative Pascrell, 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 from Tuesday, August 27, 2024, through Wednesday, August 28, 2024, in recognition and mourning of a dedicated legislator and public servant, Representative Bill Pascrell.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
26th day of August,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Four,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor