

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.303

WHEREAS, Maureen Ogden was a dedicated conservationist, supporter of the arts, and seven-term Assemblywoman in the New Jersey Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Ogden was born in Vancouver, Canada on November 1, 1928; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Ogden graduated from Smith College in 1950 and received a Master of Arts in Public Law and Government from Columbia University in 1963; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Assemblywoman Ogden began her career in public service in Millburn, New Jersey as a board member of the Citizen's League for Environmental Action Now before becoming Chair of the Millburn Environmental Commission in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Ogden served as Deputy Mayor of Millburn from 1976 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Ogden served as Mayor of Millburn from 1979 to 1981, becoming the first female Mayor in Millburn's history; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Ogden was first elected to the New Jersey Assembly in 1981 and went on to serve for seven terms before retiring in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Ogden served as Assistant Minority Whip 1982 to 1985; and

WHEREAS, as a steadfast champion of the environment, Assemblywoman Ogden became Chair of the Assembly Conservation, Energy and Natural Resources Committee in 1985; and

WHEREAS, during her dedicated career in the Legislature, Assemblywoman Ogden also served as Chair of the Committee on Arts, Tourism, and Cultural Affairs, as Vice Chair of the Financial Institutions Committee and the Drug Abuse Committee, and as a

member of the Health Committee, the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, and the State Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Ogden authored critically important environmental legislation protecting freshwater wetlands as well as several Green Acres bond issues to preserve open space; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Assemblywoman Ogden was the chief sponsor of legislation affording adopted individuals the opportunity to obtain their original birth certificates; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her legislative achievements, Assemblywoman Ogden served as the first Chair of the Garden State Preservation Trust, Chair of the Conservation Committee of the New Jersey Garden Clubs, a member of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, a trustee of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, and a member of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Drakestown Preserve in Long Valley was fittingly renamed the Maureen Ogden Preserve in honor of Assemblywoman Ogden's 50 years of public service and environmental activism; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Ogden passed away on August 17, 2022 at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Ogden was predeceased by her loving husband Bob in 2010, and will be sorely missed by her family, including her three sons and grandchildren, her friends, former colleagues, and the people of New Jersey who she served faithfully for decades; and

WHEREAS, as we mourn the passing of Assemblywoman Ogden, it is appropriate to commemorate her history of public service, her many achievements in State politics, and her legacy of public service, friendship, and conservationism;

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, August 19, 2022, in recognition and mourning of Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
18th day of August,
Two Thousand and Twenty-two,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Seventh.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor