



STATE OF NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

THIS WEEK IN NEW JERSEY: DECEMBER 28, 2018



ACTING GOVERNOR OLIVER SIGNS RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING 50th ANNIVERSARY OF FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT

Acting Governor Sheila Oliver signed Senate Joint Resolution No. 84, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the signing of the federal Fair Housing Act. The Act, which made it illegal to discriminate based on race, sex, religion, familial status, disability status, or national origin, was a critical step toward ending discriminatory housing practices in the United States.

“I am honored to sign this resolution and recognize the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act,” said Acting Governor Oliver, who also serves as Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs. “But, while 50 years have passed since the Act first became law, we cannot ignore the ongoing challenges that many face as they seek safe and adequate housing. As we strive to create a stronger and fairer New Jersey, our State must remain committed to eliminating discriminatory policies that negatively impact the health, wellness and economic prosperity of our residents.”

WATCH: [Acting Governor Oliver Signs Senate Joint Resolution No. 84](#)

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75 MILLION AGREEMENT

**WITH WELLS FARGO, NEW JERSEY TO RECEIVE ABOUT
\$17 MILLION**

Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal announced that New Jersey is among the states joining a settlement agreement with Wells Fargo Bank that resolves allegations the company engaged in a variety of sales, lending, and other improper business practices for more than a decade.

Under the settlement terms New Jersey will receive nearly \$17 million. Wells Fargo's total payment under the agreement is approximately \$575 million, including distributions to other states, attorneys' fees, and other payments.

READ MORE: [States Reach \\$575 Million Agreement with Wells Fargo](#)

ACTING GOVERNOR SHEILA OLIVER SIGNS BILL ESTABLISHING NEW JERSEY CAREGIVER TASK FORCE

Acting Governor Sheila Oliver signed legislation to establish the New Jersey Caregiver Task Force, which will evaluate support services that are available to caregivers. The Task Force will also recommend improvements and expansion of such services and is required to provide an initial report within a year of its organization.



“Caregivers throughout our state work long hours for often little to no compensation, supporting the elderly and those with disabilities, including mental illnesses,” Acting Governor Sheila Oliver said. “I am proud to sign a bill creating the New Jersey Caregiver Taskforce, which will explore ways to improve conditions and support these selfless individuals and the people they care for.”

READ MORE: [Acting Governor Oliver Signs Bill Establishing New Jersey Caregiver Task Force](#)



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION URGES DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Department of Transportation Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti urges drivers to move over for first responders and safety services patrol who are assisting motorists on the road.

WATCH: [NJDOT Urges Drivers to Move Over](#)

DEP ENCOURAGES VISITS TO STATE PARKS, FORESTS, AND HISTORIC SITES TO CELEBRATE THE OUTDOORS WITH FIRST DAY HIKES

The New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry will offer multiple recreation opportunities across the state on New Year's Day as part of the annual America's State Parks' First Day Hikes program.



“New Jersey residents can join people nationwide as we welcome the new year on the right foot,” said Mark

Texel, Assistant Director of the State Park Service. “The free hikes offer an incentive to get outside and exercise, experience history, enjoy nature and celebrate 2019 with friends and family in one of your state parks.”

READ MORE: [DEP Encourages Visits to State Parks, Forests, and Historic Sites on January 1](#)
