

RISE TO RESILIENCE

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Statement regarding New Jersey Governor Murphy's creation of the Office of Climate Action and the Green Economy

"Governor Murphy's announcement of the new Office of Climate Action and Green Economy is a critical and exciting development in New Jersey's continued leadership in climate and resilience policy. As we face the climate crisis, our solutions go hand in hand with economic opportunity and the fostering of a green economy. The decision to elevate climate to the Governor's Office is one that the Rise to Resilience coalition and Waterfront Alliance has advocated for, and one that we are thrilled to see come to fruition."

"We cannot be resilient to the effects of the climate crisis without prioritizing equity in how our economies grow. The new focus on green job workforce development and investments in electrification and pollution reduction efforts at our ports work in three ways – creating economic opportunity, improving the air quality of communities that surround industrial facilities, and mitigating climate change. As the state shepherds in new comprehensive land use rules (New Jersey Protecting Against Climate Threats) for adaptation and coastal resilience, this new office can play an essential role. We look forward to working with the new Office of Climate Action and thank Governor Murphy for his leadership in pushing New Jersey to the forefront of state climate action." - **Cortney Worrall, President and CEO, Waterfront Alliance**

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