

2022 NFDW AWARDS

OUTSTANDING ELECTED DEMOCRATIC WOMAN HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICE

Sheila Oliver



Congratulations to New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver, winner of the Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman Holding Public Office Award. She was nominated by the New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women.

Lt. Gov. Oliver has pioneered a successful career in public service, advocating for social justice, women's equality, and education.

Lt. Gov. Oliver became New Jersey's 2nd Lieutenant Governor on January 16, 2018. She is the first woman of color to serve in a statewide elected office in New Jersey history. Prior to her election, she served as the first African American female Speaker of the NJ State Assembly from January 2010 to January 2014. Lt. Gov. Oliver continues as a contributing member of Essex County Chapter NJ Federation of Democratic Women.

Governor Phil Murphy appointed Lt. Gov. Oliver Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs. As Commissioner, she has the responsibility of serving each municipality from urban cities to rural communities. She has led efforts to strengthen and expand initiatives for fair and affordable housing, community revitalization, homelessness prevention, and local government services that support New Jersey's 564 municipalities.

The NJFDW worked and supported the Lt. Governor in her re-election bid. She helped our Democratic team win reelection, the first Democrats to do so since 1977. In her role as Acting Governor, Lt. Governor Oliver has signed multiple bills into law:

- Legislation that established a Caregiver Task Force to identify ways to support people taking care of loved ones who are elderly or disabled.
- A bill that requires all public-school students in grades 6-8 to receive financial literacy education.
- A resolution declaring June 12th as Women Veterans Appreciation Day in New Jersey.