

THERE'S NO PLACE *Like Home*

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In most states, the official executive residence is a home for the first family, a venue for special events and, often, a trip down the memory lane of a state's past.

44 STATES HAVE AN OFFICIAL GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE.



IN FOUR STATES—
Colorado, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Ohio—governors do not live in the official residence, according to CSG's 2016 *The Book of the States*.

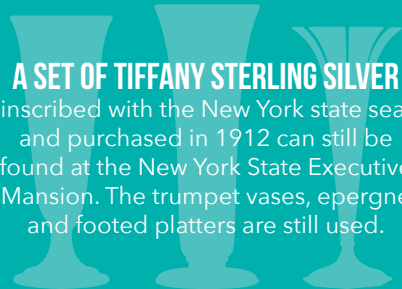
Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe is the **55TH GOVERNOR** to live in the state's Executive Mansion,

*the oldest
• governor's •
mansion*

in the U.S. that is still used for its original purpose.



KENTUCKY GOV. MATT BEVIN'S FAMILY
— **WITH 11 MEMBERS** —
is the largest family to ever occupy the Kentucky Governor's Mansion.



A SET OF TIFFANY STERLING SILVER
inscribed with the New York state seal and purchased in 1912 can still be found at the New York State Executive Mansion. The trumpet vases, epergne and footed platters are still used.

In the 1970s, a private donor paid for an **OKLAHOMA-SHAPED SWIMMING POOL** for the grounds of the Governor's Mansion.

Oregon's Mahonia Hall
is named after the scientific term for the state flower—*Mahonia aquifolium*—or the Oregon grape.

Former New Hampshire First Lady Susan Lynch started a **12-YEAR RENOVATION** of The Bridges House in 2004. In a *Concord Monitor* article dated Dec. 9, 2016, Lynch discussed renovation of the Governor's Mansion, referring to the "*dark, dank, gloomy, creepy place it used to be.*"

The official residence of the governor of New Jersey is called **DRUMTHWACKET**. Gov. Charles Smith Olden gave the home the Scots-Gaelic name **MEANING "WOODED HILL."**