

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 229

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2017, a United States Marine Corps plane crashed in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, fifteen United States Marines and one United States Navy Sailor lost their lives in this tragedy, namely, United States Marine Corporal Daniel I. Baldassare, Staff Sergeant Robert H. Cox, Captain Sean E. Elliott, Major Caine M. Goyette, Gunnery Sergeant Mark A. Hopkins, Sergeant Chad E. Jenson, Gunnery Sergeant Brendan C. Johnson, Sergeant Julian M. Kevianne, Staff Sergeant Willian J. Kundrat, Sergeant Talon R. Leach, Sergeant Owen J. Lennon, Sergeant Joseph J. Murray, Corporal Collin J. Schaaff, Sergeant Dietrich A. Schmieman, Staff Sergeant Joshua Snowden, and Petty Officer Second Class Ryan Lohrey; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Baldassare was raised in Colts Neck, New Jersey, graduated from Colts Neck High School in 2015, and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps that same year; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Baldassare served honorably in the 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Baldassare was a brave and dedicated Marine, and was the recipient of the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal as well as the National Service Defense Medal; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Baldassare was a loving son and brother, whose memory will live in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember Corporal Baldassare and all the victims of this terrible incident, to mark their passing, and to honor their memories;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, 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 Tuesday, July 25, 2017, in recognition of the life of and in mourning for the passing of a brave and loyal United States Marine, Corporal Daniel I. Baldassare, and all the heroic servicemembers who lost their lives as a result of this tragedy.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

[seal] GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
21st day of July,  
Two Thousand and Seventeen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Forty-Second.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ James J. DiGiulio

Chief Counsel to the Governor