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**EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 124

WHEREAS, in recent years, our country has been plagued by senseless and devastating mass shootings victimizing numerous innocent persons, and their families, friends, loved ones, and communities; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2012, New Jersey, along with the rest of the nation, mourned the loss of the twelve victims and prayed for the full recovery of the fifty-eight individuals injured by acts of violence that befell moviegoers in Aurora, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2012, we again collectively mourned with profound sadness the death of twenty innocent children and six dedicated educators whose lives were lost in a horrific act of violence at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, with each horrific act, we all grieve the immeasurable losses suffered by the families, friends, loved ones, and communities of the fallen and search for ways to keep our families and communities safe; and

WHEREAS, the facts underlying those and other similar tragedies are varied and complex, and reveal myriad factors contributing to these ghastly acts of violence, including deficiencies in gun control laws, imperfections in the delivery of mental health and addictive behavior services, and vulnerabilities in school safety and emergency response protocol; and

WHEREAS, we can – and indeed – must do more to ensure the safety of all New Jerseyans, specifically our most innocent school children who all too often are victimized by such grave violence; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of each tragedy, various solutions have been proffered to prevent future acts of violence and senseless loss of life; and

WHEREAS, responsible gun ownership has always been a part of our State's, and our Nation's history, and new solutions designed to stem the tide of violence in our communities should build on the appropriate traditions of mature, conscientious, and accountable ownership of firearms; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive, balanced, and well-informed approach is required to adequately and holistically address the underlying causes of mass violence and to offer meaningful solutions that will deter those compelled to acts of destruction while protecting all citizens of our State;

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. There is hereby created a “New Jersey SAFE Task Force on Gun Protection, Addiction, Mental Health and Families, and Education Safety” (hereinafter “the NJ SAFE Task Force”).

2. The NJ SAFE Task Force shall consist of six (6) members appointed by the Governor who shall serve at his pleasure. The Governor shall select co-

chairpersons from among the members of the NJ SAFE Task Force. The NJ SAFE Task Force shall consist of members from both inside and outside government who have knowledge and expertise in the areas of gun control, addiction, mental health, school safety, and related areas. All members of the NJ SAFE Task Force shall serve without compensation. The NJ SAFE Task Force shall organize as soon as practicable after the appointment of its members.

3. The NJ SAFE Task Force is charged with commencing a holistic review of the root causes of mass violence and developing recommendations aimed at ameliorating those root causes in order to keep New Jersey residents, including students at educational facilities, safe from gun violence. In particular, the NJ SAFE Task Force should consider and explore the role that addiction, mental health, gun control laws, responsible gun ownership, and school safety measures play in ensuring the safety of New Jersey residents.

4. The Governor's Office shall provide staff support to the NJ SAFE Task Force. The NJ SAFE Task Force shall be authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this State to supply it with any information, personnel, or other assistance available as the NJ SAFE Task Force deems necessary to discharge its duties under this Order. Each department, office, division, and agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the NJ SAFE Task Force within the limits of its statutory authority and to furnish the NJ SAFE Task Force with such assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order. The NJ SAFE Task Force may consult with experts or other knowledgeable individuals in the public or private sector on any aspect of its mission.

5. The NJ SAFE Task Force may report to the Governor from time to time and shall issue a final report to the Governor setting forth the NJ Safe Task Force's recommendations pursuant to this Order no later than sixty (60) days after organizing. The NJ SAFE Task Force shall expire upon issuance of its final report.

6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated January 17, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 125

WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Hurricane Sandy struck the State of New Jersey with high winds and torrential rains; and

WHEREAS, Sandy produced unprecedented severe weather conditions, including enormous storm surges and devastating flooding; and

WHEREAS, Sandy destroyed entire communities across New Jersey, causing extraordinary damage to the State's people, economy, infrastructure, and resources; and

WHEREAS, the devastation caused by Sandy resulted in severe and unprecedented financial hardship and economic loss to New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the efforts of first responders, private businesses, State and local governmental leaders, and all citizens of New Jersey, our State continues to recover and rebuild; and

WHEREAS, in order to address the severe losses suffered by individuals and businesses, the United States Congress passed, and on January 29, 2013, the President signed into law, the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013, P.L. 113-2, which provides federal fiscal year 2013 supplemental appropriations to respond to and recover from the severe damage caused by Sandy; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has pledged to work cooperatively and in coordination with our federal partners to ensure the integrity and accountability of all federal reconstruction resources received and distributed by the State to respond to and recover from the severe damage caused by Sandy; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the integrity of the expenditure of federal reconstruction resources, it is necessary and essential to implement comprehensive and stringent safeguards to make certain all such resources are utilized through an ethical and transparent process;

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. Each principal department and agency of this State is hereby directed to submit all potential State procurements involving expenditure of federal reconstruction resources to the Office of the State Comptroller ("State Comptroller") for review prior to commencement of the procurement process. The State Comptroller shall determine whether the proposed procurement process complies with applicable public contracting laws, rules, and regulations. If the State Comptroller determines that the proposed procurement process does not comply with applicable laws, rules, and regulations, the State Comptroller shall inform the contracting agency, as well as the Governor's Office of Recovery and Rebuilding, of the changes needed to make the process legally compliant.

2. The State Comptroller shall assign appropriate staff to conduct this review as necessary to ensure the integrity of the procurement process while still facilitating the timely expenditure of federal reconstruction resources to help rebuild New Jersey. Each department, office, division, and agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the State Comptroller and to furnish the State Comptroller with such information and assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

3. Each principal department and agency of this State is hereby directed to appoint an "Accountability Officer" to oversee the responsible disbursement and utilization of federal reconstruction resources allocated by or through that department or agency.

4. Each Accountability Officer shall serve as a liaison to the Governor's Office of Recovery and Rebuilding and the State Comptroller, and shall cooperate fully with the State Comptroller in its review of potential State procurements involving the expenditure of federal reconstruction resources.

5. In order to ensure transparency and integrity in the procurement process, the State Comptroller, in coordination with the Governor's Office of Recovery and Rebuilding and the New Jersey Office of Information Technology, shall make certain that all approved State contracts for the allocation and expenditure of federal reconstruction resources are made available to the public by posting such contracts on an appropriate State website.

6. The website shall also provide information to the public regarding available federal funding streams and funding criteria, the tracking of federal funding allotments, and contract vendor information.

7. The State Comptroller, in coordination with the Governor's Office of Recovery and Rebuilding, shall provide information to contracting entities regarding applicable public contracting laws, rules, and regulations to help ensure accountability, transparency, and the timely expenditure of federal reconstruction resources.

8. Every State department and agency shall ensure that fraud prevention notices shall be prominently displayed at all construction projects involving federal reconstruction resources overseen by the department or agency. Such notices shall include the toll-free hotline established by the State Comptroller for reporting of fraud, waste, or abuse of federal reconstruction resources. The State Comptroller shall ensure that any information received indicating potential criminal activity shall be referred to the Office of the Attorney General.

9. The State Comptroller and the Governor's Office of Recovery and Rebuilding shall report to the Governor from time to time on the progress of the review process and the publication of related information on the website, and, in doing so, shall indicate whether additional staff and assistance is necessary to ensure accountability, transparency, and the timely expenditure of federal reconstruction resources.

10. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated February 8, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 126

WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Hurricane Sandy ("Sandy") struck the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take action to minimize and mitigate additional hardships, loss, or suffering as the State continues rebuilding and recovering from Sandy; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the efforts of first responders, private businesses, State and local governmental leaders, and all citizens of New Jersey, our State continues

to recover and rebuild, by, among other things, reopening businesses at the Jersey Shore as well as throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 33:1-12 allows seasonal alcoholic beverage consumption licensees to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption during only a limited timeframe from May 1, until November 14, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, all seasonal alcoholic beverage consumption licensees are located along the New Jersey coast in Monmouth County; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of Sandy, due to mandatory evacuation, power outages, and the declared State of Emergency, all seasonal alcoholic beverage consumption licensees were adversely affected, as they were unable to remain open for business to the full extent allowed by N.J.S.A. 33:1-12, thereby resulting in the loss of significant business activity; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2012, in light of the dangers posed by Sandy, and pursuant to the authority provided under the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A: 9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, I declared a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserved the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government to protect against the emergency created by Sandy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, I declared that, due to the State of Emergency, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of my Executive Orders, or that will in any way interfere with or impede their achievement;

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. For calendar year 2013, the date on which seasonal alcoholic beverage consumption licensees shall be permitted to commence serving alcoholic beverages shall be advanced from May 1, 2013 to March 1, 2013 and shall end on November 14, 2013, inclusive.
2. No municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with the provisions of this Executive Order, or that will or might in any way interfere with or impede its achievement.
3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated February 27, 2013.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 127

- WHEREAS, former Attorney General of New Jersey and former Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly William F. Hyland was an exceptional public servant, devoting over twenty years of his life to serving the people of New Jersey as Attorney General of New Jersey; Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly; President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities; the first Chairman of the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation; and Chairman of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority; and
- WHEREAS, William Hyland was born on July 30, 1923, in Burlington, New Jersey, and was a resident of the Parkside section of Camden, New Jersey; and
- WHEREAS, William Hyland attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pennsylvania Law School and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1949; and
- WHEREAS, William Hyland served as a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the United States Navy during World War II, participating in Atlantic convoy duty and in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Luzon; and
- WHEREAS, William Hyland began his extraordinary career of public service by being elected as a member of the New Jersey General Assembly, serving from 1954 to 1961, and serving as Assembly Speaker in 1958; and
- WHEREAS, William Hyland was nominated by Governor Robert B. Meyner to the State Board of Public Utilities in 1961, where he served until 1968; and
- WHEREAS, William Hyland was nominated by Governor Richard J. Hughes to be the first Chairman of the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation, which was established in 1968; and
- WHEREAS, William Hyland was nominated by Governor-elect Brendan Byrne as Attorney General of New Jersey in December 1973, and served as Attorney General of New Jersey from 1974 to 1978; and
- WHEREAS, William Hyland continued his dedication to the people of New Jersey after his tenure as Attorney General, serving as Chairman of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority; and
- WHEREAS, in addition to being a distinguished public servant, William Hyland was a respected attorney, first as the founder of Hyland, David and Reberkenny in Camden, New Jersey, and later with Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland and Perretti in Morristown, New Jersey; and
- WHEREAS, William Hyland was also a renowned musician, playing the clarinet with the Paul Whitman Orchestra, Cherry Hill Wind Symphony, Cherry Hill Musicrafters, and other local orchestras, and performing with each of the members of the original Benny Goodman Quartet; and
- WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we honor the memory and mourn the passing of former Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly and former Attorney General of New Jersey William F. Hyland and extend sympathy to his family, his many friends, and his colleagues;

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 Monday, March 11, 2013, in recognition and mourning of the passing of former Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly and former Attorney General of New Jersey William F. Hyland.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated March 7, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 128

- WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012 and continuing through October 30, 2012, Superstorm Sandy struck the State of New Jersey, producing unprecedented damage and destruction; and
- WHEREAS, thanks to the efforts of all New Jerseyans, our State continues to recover and rebuild; and
- WHEREAS, in addition to the significant damage caused to our State's infrastructure, many residential and commercial properties were substantially damaged or completely destroyed by Superstorm Sandy, which caused a reduction in property values; and
- WHEREAS, certain municipalities impacted by Superstorm Sandy may experience a decline in property tax collections due to both the hardships visited upon residents, and the reduction in the assessed value of their properties; and
- WHEREAS, municipalities may also face a higher number of property tax appeals related to the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy, which may further reduce property valuations; and
- WHEREAS, municipalities and local authorities providing water and sewer utility services may likewise experience revenue reductions associated with damage to their facilities, and the resulting lapse of services; and
- WHEREAS, many municipalities, counties, school districts, fire districts, and local authorities recovering from Superstorm Sandy are bearing the cost of certain disaster-related expenses that are ineligible for reimbursement by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"); and
- WHEREAS, these fluctuations in property values combined with the costs of reconstruction may trigger a substantial and untenable increase in the property taxes levied on our citizens; and
- WHEREAS, in order to ameliorate or eliminate increases in property taxes, municipalities, counties, school districts, fire districts, and local authorities must look to every source of available assistance;

- WHEREAS, FEMA administers a Community Disaster Loan Program offering resources that will help offset these potential lost revenues and unreimbursed disaster-related expenses; and
- WHEREAS, a Community Disaster Loan may be available to those municipalities, counties, school districts, fire districts, and local authorities that have experienced, or will experience, a greater than five-percent revenue loss for either the fiscal year of Superstorm Sandy, or the succeeding fiscal year; and
- WHEREAS, a Community Disaster Loan enjoys an extremely low rate of interest tied to the five-year Treasury Bill; and
- WHEREAS, a Community Disaster Loan is available for a five-year term, with authorization for FEMA to extend the term up to an additional five years based on the recipient's financial condition; and
- WHEREAS, FEMA is authorized to forgive all or part of a Community Disaster Loan where the recipient has met the relevant statutory and regulatory criteria; and
- WHEREAS, the Community Disaster Loan Program provides a vital source of assistance that will help maintain essential services and prevent increases in property tax and utility rates that would impede our State's recovery, and compound the distress and suffering already present in many communities; and
- WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon every municipality, county, school district, fire district, and local authority that qualifies for a Community Disaster Loan to make an appropriate and timely application for a loan to ensure that every possible benefit is provided to our citizens as they rebuild our State; and
- WHEREAS, on October 27, 2012, in light of the dangers posed by Superstorm Sandy, and pursuant to the authority provided under the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, I declared a State of Emergency; and
- WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserved the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, to protect against the emergency created by Sandy; and
- WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority provided under the Constitution and the statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45, and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-62, which confer upon the Governor certain emergency powers, including but not limited to the power to make such orders, rules, and regulations regarding "any matter that may be necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public or that will aid in the prevention of loss to and destruction of property" and permit the State to facilitate the delivery of funds by way of gift, grant, or loan from the Federal government to all State political subdivisions for purposes of disaster relief;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. Every municipality, county, school district, fire district, local authority, and any other local government entity, which can meet the eligibility requirements of the FEMA Community Disaster Loan Program as determined by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs or the Commissioner of Education, as appropriate, may be required by the Division of Local Government Services or the Department of Education to apply for a loan under said program; and

2. The Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the Commissioner of Education, as appropriate, shall have the power and authority to take all necessary and appropriate steps to implement the Community Disaster Loan Program in this State and to require the Community Disaster Loan application of a municipality, county, school district, fire district, local authority, or other local government entity, including, but not limited to, the power and authority to adjust tax levies as appropriate to reflect the use of loan proceeds and waive or relax any statutory or regulatory provision that may prevent, hinder, or otherwise frustrate an eligible entity's application for or receipt of a Community Disaster Loan or ability to recognize such funds as revenue for use in its annual budget; and

3. No municipality, county, school district, fire district, local authority, or other local government entity of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or may in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or will or may interfere with or impede its achievement; and

4. The Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the Commissioner of Education shall have the power to effectuate and enforce this Order;

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated March 15, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 129

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2013, horrifying acts of violence were perpetrated at the Boston Marathon in Boston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, these senseless acts victimized hundreds and devastated the City of Boston, and all of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the deaths, and the suffering, inflicted upon the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of New Jersey pause today in unity with the people of the State of Massachusetts to mourn the devastating losses suffered by the families and loved ones of the fallen; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims, to honor their memories, and to mark their passing;

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 the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Thursday, April 18, 2013, in recognition and mourning of the passing of the victims of the bombings that took place at the Boston Marathon.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated April 16, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 130

WHEREAS, in recent years, our country has been plagued by senseless and devastating mass shootings victimizing numerous innocent persons, and their families, friends, loved ones, and communities; and

WHEREAS, with each horrific act, we all grieve the immeasurable losses suffered by the families, friends, loved ones, and communities of the fallen, and search for ways to keep our families and communities safe; and

WHEREAS, the facts underlying those tragedies are varied and complex, and reveal myriad contributing factors, including, among others, imperfections in the delivery of mental health and addictive behavior services; and

WHEREAS, as I have stated before, each life is precious and with the right approach and broad spectrum of care and treatment opportunities, individuals living with mental health and addiction can turn their lives around with dignity, bringing peace of mind and hope to themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, for their own safety and to help make New Jersey a better place for everyone, individuals living with mental health and addiction should be encouraged to seek help and not suffer under the shadow of the stigma of mental health illness; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive look at violence in today's society must also include a consideration of violence in the media; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the foregoing, on January 17, 2013, I ordered the creation of a New Jersey SAFE Task Force on Gun Protection, Addiction, Mental Health and Families, and Education Safety ("NJ SAFE Task Force") to conduct a comprehensive, balanced, and well-informed review of the root causes of mass violence; and

WHEREAS, the NJ SAFE Task Force provided thoughtful recommendations regarding how mass violence might be effectively addressed in its report released on April 10, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the NJ SAFE Task Force specifically recommended the creation of a standing interagency working group to consider the many long-term issues raised by their study;

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 creation of a Mental Health and Community Safety Working Group to serve as an interagency, multi-disciplinary working group focused on decreasing violence, promoting safer and healthier communities, and highlighting the importance of de-stigmatizing mental illness, while encouraging early intervention.

2. The Mental Health and Community Safety Working Group shall:

a. Consist of the following cabinet members, or their designees: the Attorney General; the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families; the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections; the Commissioner of the Department of Education; the Commissioner of the Department of Health; the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services; and the following non-cabinet members, or their designees: the Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Commission and the Chairman of the State Parole Board; and any other members representing other State agencies or private partners as I may so designate in the future, all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

b. Be chaired by the Attorney General or his designee. The Department of Law and Public Safety shall provide staff support to the Mental Health and Community Safety Working Group. The Mental Health and Community Safety Working Group shall be authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this State to supply it with any information, personnel, or other assistance available as the Mental Health and Community Safety Working Group deems necessary to discharge its duties under this Order. Each department, office, division, and agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the Mental Health and Community Safety Working Group to furnish such assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Order. The Mental Health and Community Safety Working Group may consult with professionals, experts, or other knowledgeable individuals in the public or private sector on any aspect of its mission;

c. Perform a variety of duties including, but not limited to:

i. Develop strategies with respect to prevention and intervention, including, but not limited to, educating youth, parents, and teachers about the warning signs of violence and the negative consequences felt by teens and young people who are ostracized, isolated, and experience despair;

ii. Develop a public information campaign utilizing all forms of media, communications, and technology to better inform New Jersey residents about the broad range of programs and services available in the community as well as encourage individuals to seek help and no longer suffer under the shadow of the stigma of mental health illness;

iii. Focus on strategies to facilitate workforce expansion in, among other professions, licensed clinical social workers, nursing, and psychiatry, while also encouraging such professionals in those and similar disciplines to work in the public or community health systems;

iv. Examine whether violent media is inappropriately marketed to young people in our State, and develop a plan to educate parents on how to make healthy media choices for their children;

v. Monitor implementation of the "S.W.A.P." Program, which is an initiative proposed by the Department of Education and the Office of the Attorney General, to be administered by the New Jersey State Police, whereby the New Jersey State Police conducts unannounced safety visits to local schools in districts located in municipalities without municipal police forces and are thus patrolled by the New Jersey State Police;

vi. Advise the Governor from time to time and as necessary on matters related to the Mental Health and Community Safety Working Group's mission.

d. All members shall serve without compensation.

e. The Mental Health and Community Safety Working Group shall organize as soon as practicable.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated April 19, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 131

WHEREAS, United States Marine Staff Sergeant Eric Christian grew up in Poughkeepsie, New York, and Ramsey, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christian was a graduate of Ramsey High School, where he held several records in football; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christian enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served five tours of duty, including tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christian was assigned to 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christian tragically lost his life while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christian was a dedicated Marine as well as a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christian's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow Marines make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

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 Friday, May 10, 2013, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Marine Staff Sergeant Eric Christian.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated May 8, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 132

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2013, a severe tornado swept through Oklahoma City, Moore, and surrounding areas in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, this natural disaster brought untold devastation to the people and communities of Oklahoma, inflicting suffering and loss to families throughout that region; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of New Jersey have experienced firsthand the impact of natural disasters, and today we stand in unity with the people of the State of Oklahoma to mourn their losses; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims of this tragedy, to honor their memories, and to mark their passing;

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 the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, in recognition and mourning of the disaster that struck the State of Oklahoma.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated May 21, 2013.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 133

WHEREAS, United States Senator Frank R. Lautenberg was a proud representative of the State of New Jersey, a dedicated public servant, a veteran of the Second World War, and an accomplished leader in business; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lautenberg was born in Paterson, New Jersey on January 23, 1924, and graduated from Nutley High School in 1941; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lautenberg served in the United States Army Signal Corps from 1942 to 1946, and was the last serving World War II veteran in the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, after World War II, Senator Lautenberg attended Columbia University where he graduated with a degree in economics; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lautenberg co-founded the nation's first payroll services company, Automatic Data Processing, where he served as chairman and Chief Executive Officer until 1982; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Senator Lautenberg was elected to the United States Senate, and was re-elected in 1988 and 1994; and

WHEREAS, after a brief retirement, Senator Lautenberg was elected to his fourth term as a United States Senator in 2002, and a fifth term in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lautenberg was a passionate public servant, dedicated to enriching the lives of the people of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Senator Lautenberg and extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the achievements and contributions, to honor the memory, and to mark the passing of Senator Lautenberg;

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 the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Wednesday, June 5, 2013, in recognition and mourning of the passing of United States Senator Frank R. Lautenberg.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 3, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 134

WHEREAS, New Jersey's military installations are essential components of our State's integrated economy and social fabric, contributing economic and societal benefits to communities all across the State; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who live and work in our military installations are an indispensable part of our State and our Nation, defending our country through active duty service, service in the National Guard, service in critical reserve functions, and service in essential civilian roles; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's military installations contribute billions of dollars directly and indirectly to our State's economy; and

WHEREAS, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (hereinafter "the Joint Base") is the State's second largest employer, supporting more than 40,000 military and civilian employees and their families, and contributing more than \$7 billion annually to New Jersey's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Base supports more than 65,000 off-base jobs that further strengthen our State's security, well being, and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Base enjoys a unique national stature as the only military installation supporting active duty missions of the Department of the Air Force, the Department of the Army, and the Department of the Navy; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Air National Guard 177th Fighter Wing, Picatinny Arsenal, Naval Weapons Station Earle, the United States Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, the United States Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City, and the Army National Guard armories around the State are critically important to the State's economy and the nation's safety; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the stability and growth of all New Jersey military installations is essential to preserving and enhancing the quality of life for the tens of thousands of military and civilian employees who keep our State and our Nation secure and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that New Jersey take all necessary and appropriate steps to preserve the stability of all military installations in the State; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that New Jersey further develop and enhance the operations of our State's military installations by attracting new missions and fresh projects on, and near those installations; and

WHEREAS, it is in New Jersey's best interests to undertake every effort to ensure that all New Jersey military installations remain a vibrant part of our State and to ensure that all New Jersey military installations are positioned to grow and prosper;

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. There is created the "New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force" (hereinafter "the Task Force").
2. The Task Force shall consist of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the Governor's pleasure and will include the Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the Presi-

dent and Chief Executive Officer of Choose New Jersey, a former member of New Jersey's Congressional delegation, and a civilian member to be selected by the Task Force. All members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation. The Task Force shall organize as soon as practicable after the appointment of its members.

3. The Task Force is charged with, and shall take such steps as are necessary and appropriate for, the development of recommendations relating to additional military missions that will preserve, enhance, and strengthen the State's military installations.

4. The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, shall provide staff support to the Task Force. The Task Force shall be authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this State to supply it with any information, personnel, or other assistance available as the Task Force deems necessary to discharge its duties under this Order. Each department, office, division, and agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the Task Force within the limits of its statutory authority and to furnish the Task Force with such assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order. The Task Force may consult with experts or other knowledgeable individuals in the public, private, and military sectors on any aspect of its mission.

5. In formulating its recommendations pursuant to this Order, the Task Force may elicit public input from individuals, organizations, community groups, and other interested parties.

6. The Task Force may report to the Governor from time to time and shall issue a final report to the Governor setting forth the Task Force's recommendations pursuant to this Order no later than twelve months after its organization. The Task Force shall expire upon the issuance of its final report.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 13, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 135

WHEREAS, James Gandolfini was an iconic actor, who left a timeless impact upon television and film in the State of New Jersey and across our Nation; and  
WHEREAS, James Gandolfini was born in Westwood, New Jersey, on September 18, 1961, and grew up in Park Ridge, New Jersey;  
WHEREAS, James Gandolfini graduated from Park Ridge High School in 1979, where he played basketball and starred in school plays; and  
WHEREAS, James Gandolfini graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University, and began to pursue what would become an extraordinarily successful acting career; and

WHEREAS, James Gandolfini's most popularly acclaimed role was the part of Tony Soprano, the lead character in the television drama *The Sopranos*, which debuted in 1999 and continued through 2007; and

WHEREAS, James Gandolfini appeared on Broadway and in several films, including *True Romance*, *Terminal Velocity*, *Get Shorty*, *The Juror*, *The Mexican* and *The Taking of Pelham 123*; and

WHEREAS, James Gandolfini produced two documentaries, *Alive Day Memories: Home from Iraq* and *Wartorn: 1861-2010*, which revealed the immense challenges faced by servicemembers and veterans integrating back into society; and

WHEREAS, James Gandolfini passed away suddenly on June 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of James Gandolfini and extend our sincere sympathy to his family, friends, and countless fans; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the achievements and contributions, to honor the memory, and to mark the passing of James Gandolfini;

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 the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, June 24, 2013, in recognition and mourning of the passing of James Gandolfini.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 21, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 136

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2010, I signed Executive Order No. 11 (2010) establishing a New Jersey Gaming, Sports and Entertainment Advisory Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, to develop recommendations to implement a comprehensive, statewide approach concerning the needs of the State's gaming, professional sports, and entertainment industries; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2010, after receiving the Commission's final report, I signed Executive Order No. 34 (2010) extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2011, to support the implementation of the Commission's recommendations that I accepted; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2011, I signed Executive Order No. 69 (2011) extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2012, to utilize the Commission's expertise in continuing to execute its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2012, I signed Executive Order No. 97 (2012) again extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2013, to, among other things, assist with the repositioning of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority within the Department of State; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's gaming, sports, and entertainment industries continue to be vitally important to the health of the State's economy and to enhancing the quality of life of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's tourism industry is equally important to the State's economy and faces many of the same challenges confronting the gaming, sports, and entertainment industries; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore appropriate to extend the Commission's existence for an additional period to continue its invaluable contributions to the State's gaming, sports, and entertainment industries;

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. Executive Orders Nos. 34, 69, and 97 are hereby superseded and Paragraph 6 of Executive Order No. 11 (2010) is amended to provide that the Commission shall not expire upon the issuance of its final report, but rather shall continue in existence until December 31, 2013, or such other date as I shall establish, in order to continue to support the implementation of its recommendations and to engage in any other related matters that are referred to the Commission by me or that meet with my approval.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 30, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 137

WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Superstorm Sandy ("Sandy") struck the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sandy destroyed entire communities and caused significant damage, or complete destruction, to thousands of homes across the State; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the efforts of first responders, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, State and local governmental leaders, and all citizens of New Jersey, our State continues to recover and rebuild; and

WHEREAS, since Sandy struck New Jersey, nonprofit organizations and volunteers have generously donated their resources, time, and talents to aid in the State's recovery; and

WHEREAS, some nonprofit groups that are organized primarily for the construction and reconstruction of residences for persons displaced by disasters have contributed volunteers and resources to assist in New Jersey's rebuilding; and

WHEREAS, these nonprofit organizations may recruit high school students, and other minor volunteers, to assist in the repair, construction, and rebuilding of homes damaged or destroyed by Sandy; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 34:2-21.17d restricts the nature and manner of volunteer construction work that minors between the ages of fourteen and seventeen may perform as volunteers for nonprofit housing organizations; and

WHEREAS, allowing available volunteers who are minors to engage in repair and reconstruction efforts, while maintaining all other safeguards that protect minors engaged in construction, will help many New Jerseyans return to their homes; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2012, in light of the dangers posed by Sandy, and pursuant to the authority provided under the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, I declared a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserved the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government, and of each and every political subdivision of the State, to protect against the emergency created by Sandy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, I declared that, due to the State of Emergency, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of my Executive Orders, or that will in any way interfere with or impede their achievement;

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. For the remainder of calendar year 2013, minors between fourteen and seventeen years of age shall be permitted to work as volunteers for nonprofit organizations engaged in housing construction, provided that all other provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:2-21.17d, and any other applicable law, rule, or regulation concerning the employment and protection of minors, shall remain in full force and effect.
2. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development is directed to take all appropriate steps to effectuate this Order.
3. No municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with the provisions of this Executive Order, or that will or might in any way interfere with or impede its achievement.

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4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated July 9, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 138

WHEREAS, ensuring the solvency and integrity of New Jersey's pension and health benefits systems is one of the highest priorities of my Administration; and

WHEREAS, the landmark, bipartisan pension and health benefits reform I signed into law in 2011 will help ensure the solvency of those programs for the benefit of public employees and retirees, while also ensuring that pension and health benefits obligations do not financially incapacitate the State and other public employers; and

WHEREAS, by making modest but sensible changes to retirement age and incentives, cost-of-living adjustments, and contributions from public employees, the 2011 landmark, bipartisan pension and benefits reform will save taxpayers over \$120 billion over the next thirty years and put the pension system on more sound financial footing; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2013, the State made one of the largest pension payments in New Jersey history at \$1.03 billion, and the Fiscal Year 2014 budget will make the largest pension payment in State history at \$1.67 billion; and

WHEREAS, while we have made substantial progress to reform public employee pension and health benefits, additional reforms are needed to safeguard the integrity of the systems and to ensure that taxpayer dollars are properly expended for these benefits; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that potential fraud and abuse of the pension and disability retirement systems be addressed to ensure that recipients are qualified and taxpayer funds are properly expended for the benefit of public employees and retirees; and

WHEREAS, unless these issues are addressed, pension fraud and abuse will place additional strains on public employee retirement systems, as well as State and local budgets; and

WHEREAS, in light of possible fraud and abuse related to retirement and other benefits, coordinated action must be taken to combat fraud and abuse, preserve the integrity of the systems, and protect every taxpayer dollar devoted to the systems;

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 State Treasurer shall establish a Pension Fraud and Abuse Unit within the Department of the Treasury. The Unit shall be dedicated to the prevention and investigation of fraud and abuse of the State's pension and benefits systems, including the payment of retirement, disability, and other benefits.

2. The Director of the Pension Fraud and Abuse Unit shall report directly to the State Treasurer, and the State Treasurer shall appoint or assign such accountants, investigators, and other employees to the Unit as necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Unit.

3. The Pension Fraud and Abuse Unit shall investigate public pension claims and payments, including, but not limited to, disability pension claims, and claims of improper participation in the retirement systems, as well as potential fraud and abuse of other benefit systems as the State Treasurer may direct in the future.

4. In order to accomplish the purposes of this Order, the Pension Fraud and Abuse Unit shall work closely and coordinate with both the Division of Pensions and Benefits within the Department of the Treasury and the Office of the Attorney General, and shall also receive referrals from the Office of the State Comptroller on claims of potential fraud and abuse.

5. The aforementioned agencies shall work closely to identify cases of suspected pension fraud, abuse, and ineligibility. They shall undertake investigations, share information and resources, develop strategies for curtailing fraud and abuse, and identify cases for civil and criminal prosecution. These agencies shall hold regular meetings to ensure the maximum cooperation in their work.

6. The Pension Fraud and Abuse Unit may recommend all civil or criminal remedies as may be provided by law to address such pension fraud, abuse, and improper participation, and, in conjunction with the Division of Pension and Benefits and the Office of the Attorney General, and as provided by law, may pursue such petitioning of the appropriate boards as necessary for denial of an application or revocation of a pension or benefit improperly granted, and may refer matters to the Division of Pension and Benefits, the Office of the Attorney General, and other State agencies as appropriate for further action.

7. The Pension Fraud and Abuse Unit shall encourage the public to report fraudulent pension and benefit claims and payments and shall maintain a website, mailing address, facsimile, electronic mail address, toll-free number, and other methods to receive such reports at the discretion of the Director.

8. The Pension Fraud and Abuse Unit is authorized to call upon the expertise and assistance of all State departments, divisions, offices, or agencies, as well as all political subdivisions of the State, to carry out its mission, including, but not limited to, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Department of the Treasury, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, and the Office of the Attorney General.

9. All departments, divisions, offices, agencies, and political subdivisions of the State shall, to the extent not inconsistent with law, cooperate with the Pension Fraud and Abuse Unit and furnish the Unit with information upon request.

10. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated August 7, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 139

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, unprecedented terrorist attacks were launched on New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, more than one quarter of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks were New Jerseyans, with nearly seven hundred of our residents killed in the attacks; and

WHEREAS, many New Jerseyans, including thousands of police, fire, military, emergency and construction personnel responded to this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, these horrific attacks not only caused a tremendous loss of life, but also inflicted immense pain and anguish on those who survived the events of that day; and

WHEREAS, twelve years later, the lives of hundreds of New Jersey families are still dramatically affected by the loss of a parent, spouse, child or other loved one; and

WHEREAS, this tragic event will be remembered by all New Jerseyans, both privately as well as in public remembrances and memorial ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this day be observed with full solemnity, in tribute to the thousands of innocent victims who perished in the attacks;

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 the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, instrumentalities and all public buildings during appropriate hours on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 in recognition and mourning of all of those lost in the September 11th attacks, and particularly, those lost from our home State.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated September 10, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 140

WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Superstorm Sandy struck the State of New Jersey, causing unprecedented damage and destruction; and

- WHEREAS, oceanfront and other flood-prone communities lacking the benefits of flood hazard risk reduction measures including protective sand dunes, berms, and engineered beaches (collectively “Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures”) experienced significantly more catastrophic damage than surrounding communities; and
- WHEREAS, recognizing the dangers posed by the absence of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures, the United States Congress appropriated funds for the creation, improvement, and reconstruction of these important protections; and
- WHEREAS, working collaboratively with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, New Jersey has begun the process of designing Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures for appropriate areas of the New Jersey coastline; and
- WHEREAS, these essential Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures must be comprehensively constructed across the areas impacted by Superstorm Sandy and throughout the regions at risk for similar damage from future storms; and
- WHEREAS, some of the land on which this system of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures must be built is privately owned; and
- WHEREAS, recognizing the clear and quantifiable benefit that Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures confer on their property, as well as their families, neighbors, and communities, many oceanfront property owners have voluntarily granted easements for the construction of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures; and
- WHEREAS, despite the responsible actions of these many property owners, other residents have frustrated the State’s rebuilding and resiliency plans by refusing to grant easements, thereby jeopardizing the construction of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures for all of New Jersey’s citizens, undermining the essential benefits of these systems, and subjecting entire communities to unnecessary risks and dangers; and
- WHEREAS, these recalcitrant property owners have had ample time and notice to voluntarily agree to grant these easements to help to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of their communities; and
- WHEREAS, the continued absence of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures in coastal communities creates an imminent threat to life, property, and the health, safety, and welfare of those communities; and
- WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers; and
- WHEREAS, in light of the significant and widespread dangers posed by Superstorm Sandy, and in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, on October 27, 2012, I signed Executive Order No. 104 declaring and proclaiming that a State of Emergency exists in the State of New Jersey; and
- WHEREAS, in Executive Order No. 104, and in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I expressly reserved the right to utilize and employ all avail-

able resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately owned property necessary to protect against this emergency; and

WHEREAS, employing the procedures set out in N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 et seq., public entities are empowered to condemn private property for public purposes, including the creation of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12:3-64, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") is authorized to acquire any lands in the State that it deems advisable, and may enter upon and take property in advance of making compensation therefore where for any reason it cannot acquire the property by agreement with the owner; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. App. A:9-51.5, municipalities are authorized to enter upon and take possession and control of property necessary for the construction of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures; and

WHEREAS, all of the aforementioned authority is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare from future natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the prompt and coordinated acquisition of easements or other interests in real property necessary to facilitate the timely completion of a comprehensive system of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures, it is necessary to create a single State entity responsible for the rapid acquisition of property vital to these reconstruction efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall create in the DEP the Office of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures (the "Office"). The Office shall be headed by a Director appointed by the Commissioner to serve at the Commissioner's pleasure and who shall report to the Commissioner on the work of the Office. The Office shall lead and coordinate the efforts of the DEP to acquire the necessary interests in real property to undertake Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures and shall perform such other duties as the Commissioner may from time to time prescribe.

2. The Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, in conjunction with the Office, shall immediately take action to coordinate those legal proceedings necessary to acquire the necessary easements or other interests in real property for the system of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures.

3. The Office is authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this State for information or assistance as deemed necessary to discharge the duties of the Office. Each department, office, division, or agency is hereby required, to cooperate with the Office and to provide such assistance as is necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Order. Notwithstanding anything in this Order to the

contrary, the Office shall not supplant the function of any department, office, division, or agency.

4. No municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution, which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede its achievement.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated September 25, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 141

WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Timothy R. McGill was a resident of Ramsey, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant McGill graduated from Ramsey High School in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant McGill entered the United States Marine Corps in 2001 and was deployed to Iraq in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant McGill joined the Rhode Island National Guard in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant McGill was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group, Army National Guard, Middletown, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant McGill was an honorable and courageous young man who loved his country and the military; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant McGill tragically lost his life in Afghanistan while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant McGill was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant McGill's heroism, patriotism, and service to his country and his fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

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 Friday, October 4, 2013, in recognition and mourn-

ing of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Staff Sergeant Timothy R. McGill.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated October 1, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 142

WHEREAS, United States Army Master Sergeant Nicholas Oresko was born on January 18, 1917, in Bayonne, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Oresko joined the United States Army in March 1942; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Oresko arrived in France in September 1944, as a platoon sergeant in Company C, 302nd Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 1945, Master Sergeant Oresko single-handedly defeated two German bunkers, sustaining serious injuries, but refusing to be evacuated until his mission was successfully accomplished; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 1945, President Harry Truman formally awarded Master Sergeant Oresko the Medal of Honor, the highest award bestowed upon members of the Armed Forces of the United States, in recognition of his heroic actions; and

WHEREAS, in January 2011, Master Sergeant Oresko became the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Oresko passed away on October 4, 2013, at the age of ninety-six; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Oresko's heroism, patriotism, and service to his country and his fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

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. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:3-11, 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 from Thursday, October 10, 2013, through Thursday, October 17, 2013, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Staff Master Sergeant Nicholas Oresko.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated October 9, 2013.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 143

WHEREAS, Rolihlahla “Nelson” Mandela, whose lifetime of steadfast determination and personal sacrifice brought an end to apartheid in South Africa and helped spread democracy, was born on July 18, 1918, in the village of Mvezo in Umtatu, in South Africa’s then-Cape Province; and

WHEREAS, Mandela attended Fort Hare University and studied law at the University of Witwatersrand, where he was the only native African student; and

WHEREAS, after the South African general election in 1948, in which only caucasian persons were permitted to vote, Mandela began organizing boycotts and strikes against the pro-apartheid National Party; and

WHEREAS, Mandela’s struggle for inclusion and equality led to his imprisonment, but did not deter him or change his firm resolve to transform South Africa and help end apartheid; and

WHEREAS, Mandela served as President of the African National Congress from 1991 to 1997 and became the first native South African to hold the office of President of South Africa, serving from 1994 to 1999 and preaching forgiveness and progress over retribution; and

WHEREAS, after leaving office in 1999, Mandela continued to serve as an activist and philanthropist, working with the Nelson Mandela Foundation, founded in 1999 to focus on rural development, school construction, and combating HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Nelson Mandela enriched the lives of people throughout the world through the inspiration of personal sacrifice to spread freedom and the power of forgiveness; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Nelson Mandela and extend our sincere sympathy to his family, friends, and those touched by his selflessness; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the achievements and contributions, to honor the memory, and to mark the passing of Nelson Mandela;

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 the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, December 9, 2013, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Nelson Mandela.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 6, 2013.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 144

WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Superstorm Sandy (“Sandy”) struck the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sandy destroyed entire communities and caused significant damage, or complete destruction, to thousands of homes across the State; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the efforts of first responders, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, State and local governmental leaders, and all citizens of New Jersey, our State continues to recover and rebuild; and

WHEREAS, since Sandy struck New Jersey, nonprofit organizations and volunteers have generously donated their resources, time, and talents to aid in the State’s recovery; and

WHEREAS, some nonprofit groups that are organized primarily for the construction and reconstruction of residences for persons displaced by disasters have contributed volunteers and resources to assist in New Jersey’s rebuilding; and

WHEREAS, these nonprofit organizations may recruit high school students, and other minor volunteers, to assist in the repair, construction, and rebuilding of homes damaged or destroyed by Sandy; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2012, in light of the dangers posed by Sandy, and pursuant to the authority provided under the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, I declared a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserved the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government, and of each and every political subdivision of the State, to protect against the emergency created by Sandy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, I declared that, due to the State of Emergency, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of my Executive Orders, or that will in any way interfere with or impede their achievement; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2013, pursuant to Executive Order No. 137 (2013), I ordered that for the remainder of 2013, minors between fourteen and seventeen years of age would be permitted to work as volunteers for nonprofit organizations engaged in housing construction, provided that all other provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:2-21.17d, and any other applicable law, rule, or regulation concerning the employment and protection of minors remained in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, since I signed Executive Order No. 137 (2013), more than 2,500 volunteers between fourteen and seventeen years of age have performed repair and construction work on Sandy-damaged homes in coordination with various nonprofit organizations, to the benefit of many New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, continuing to permit available volunteers between fourteen and seventeen years of age to engage in such repair and construction work, while maintaining all other safeguards that protect minors engaged in construction, will help New Jerseyans return to their homes;

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. Minors between fourteen and seventeen years of age shall continue to be permitted to work as volunteers for nonprofit organizations engaged in housing construction through, and including, December 31, 2014, provided that all other provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:2-21.17d, and any other applicable law, rule, or regulation concerning the employment and protection of minors, shall remain in full force and effect.

2. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall take all appropriate steps to effectuate this Order.

3. No municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with the provisions of this Executive Order, or that will or might in any way interfere with or impede its achievement.

4. All other provisions of Executive Order No. 137 (2013) which are not inconsistent with this Order shall remain in full force and effect.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 27, 2013.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 145

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2010, I signed Executive Order No. 11 (2010) establishing a New Jersey Gaming, Sports and Entertainment Advisory Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, to develop recommendations to implement a comprehensive, statewide approach concerning the needs of the State's gaming, professional sports, and entertainment industries; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2010, after receiving the Commission's final report, I signed Executive Order No. 34 (2010) extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2011, to support the implementation of the Commission's recommendations that I accepted; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2011, I signed Executive Order No. 69 (2011) extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2012, to utilize the Commission's expertise in continuing to execute its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2012, I signed Executive Order No. 97 (2012) again extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2013, to, among other

things, assist with the repositioning of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority within the Department of State; and  
WHEREAS, on June 30, 2013, I signed Executive Order No. 136 (2013) again extending the Commission's existence until December 31, 2013, to continue the Commission's critical mission and to support the essential role that gaming, sports, and entertainment play in this State; and  
WHEREAS, New Jersey's gaming, sports, and entertainment industries continue to be vitally important to the health of the State's economy and to enhancing the quality of life of our citizens; and  
WHEREAS, New Jersey's tourism industry is equally important to the State's economy and faces many of the same challenges confronting the gaming, sports, and entertainment industries; and  
WHEREAS, it is therefore appropriate to extend the Commission's existence for an additional period to continue its invaluable contributions to the State's gaming, sports, and entertainment industries;

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. Executive Orders Nos. 34, 69, 97, and 136 are hereby superseded and Paragraph 6 of Executive Order No. 11 (2010) is amended to provide that the Commission shall not expire upon the issuance of its final report, but rather shall continue in existence until December 31, 2014, or such other date as I shall establish, in order to continue to support the implementation of its recommendations and to engage in any other related matters that are referred to the Commission by me or that meet with my approval.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Date December 30, 2013.

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WHEREAS, beginning on January 2, 2014 the State of New Jersey is expected to experience a severe winter storm with high winds, heavy snow, mixed precipitation, dangerous storm surges, and sub-zero temperatures throughout the State; and  
WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is predicted to produce hazardous travel conditions, cause fallen trees and power outages, and produce potential coastal, stream, and river flooding throughout the State; and  
WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is expected to result in dangerous conditions across New Jersey for several days, impeding transportation and the normal operation of public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, the impending weather conditions may make it difficult or impossible for citizens to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take action in advance of the storm to lessen the threat to lives and property in this State; and

WHEREAS, the impending weather conditions constitute an imminent hazard, which threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of one or more municipalities and counties of this State; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists in the State of New Jersey and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to activate those elements of the State Emergency Operations Plan that he deems necessary to further safeguard the public security, health, and welfare, to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans as necessary, and to coordinate the preparation, response, and recovery efforts for this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, through the police agencies under his control, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, and to prevent ingress or egress and further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where their continued presence could present a danger to their health, safety, or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Executive Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

7. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately owned property necessary to protect against this emergency.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution, which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

10. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this state of emergency.

11. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any dis-

aster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or his deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

12. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

Dated January 2, 2014.

