

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 241**

WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant First Class Mihail Golin had been a resident of Fort Lee, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin enlisted in the Army in 2005 and served as an infantryman until volunteering to become a Green Beret, for which he completed training in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin served honorably in the United States Army as a Special Forces weapons sergeant for the Green Berets in B Company, 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, based in Fort Carson, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin was deployed by the United States Army four times, once to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and three times to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin tragically lost his life in combat on January 1, 2018 while deployed in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin was a loving son and father, who will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin was a brave and dedicated soldier, whose awards include the Purple Heart Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Metal, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin's heroism and commitment to service and country make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember Sergeant Golin, 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, January 12, 2018, in recognition and mourning of a courageous and loyal American soldier, United States Army Sergeant First Class Mihail Golin.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
11th day of January, Two  
Thousand and Eighteen, and  
of the Independence of the  
United States, the Two  
Hundred and Forty-Second.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ James J. DiGiulio

Chief Counsel to the Governor