

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 194

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2015, terrorists attacked a hotel in Bamako, Mali, killing at least 19 people; and

WHEREAS, among those murdered was a 41-year-old American, Anita Datar, who grew up in New Jersey and graduated from Mount Olive High School in Flanders in 1991, and from Rutgers University in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Anita Datar dedicated her life to helping others by delivering health services to people in some of the poorest parts of the world, exemplified by her work in the Peace Corps and her distinguished career in international development; and

WHEREAS, Anita Datar is a true hero and role model of the highest order, who bravely immersed herself in dangerous environments, and whose life's work is a testament to her tremendous courage, remarkable compassion, and unwavering commitment to improving the lives of those most in need; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Anita Datar and all the victims of the terrorist attack in Bamako, Mali, and we pause to offer our sincerest sympathies to their families, friends, and loved ones; 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 New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, in recognition of the lives and in mourning of the passing of Anita Datar and the other victims of the terrorist attacks in Bamako, Mali.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
23rd day of November,
Two Thousand and Fifteen, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Fortieth.

/s/ Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor