

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 53**

WHEREAS, United States Army Private First Class Jamie R. Riley was a longtime resident of Fair Haven, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Riley was a graduate of Red Bank Catholic High School; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Riley joined the United States Army in January 2018 and was most recently stationed at Fort Bliss, which is headquartered in El Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Riley was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team; and

WHEREAS, in his time serving our country, Private First Class Riley earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Air Assault Badge; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Riley was a beloved son and brother, whose presence will be missed by his family, his friends, his fellow servicemembers, and by the people of New Jersey whom are grateful for his service; and

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness that we mourn Private First Class Riley's sudden passing, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the exemplary character, outstanding achievements, and cherished memory of Private First Class Riley, and to mark his passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, 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, February 4, 2019, in recognition and mourning of a courageous and loyal American soldier, Private First Class Jamie R. Riley.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
30<sup>th</sup> day of January,  
Two Thousand and Nineteen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Forty-Third.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin

Chief Counsel to the Governor