

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96

WHEREAS, United States Army Private First Class Leroy DeRonde III grew up in Jersey City, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, Private First Class DeRonde entered the United States Army in January 2011; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class DeRonde was assigned to F Company, 125th Brigade Support Battalion attached to 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class DeRonde was an honorable and courageous young man who loved his country and the military; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class DeRonde tragically lost his life in Chak-E Wardak District, Afghanistan, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class DeRonde 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, Private First Class DeRonde'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, June 8, 2012, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Private First Class Leroy DeRonde III.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
6th day of June,
Two Thousand and Twelve,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

[seal]

/s/Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor