

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, unprecedented acts of terrorism were committed in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, these horrific attacks caused the largest loss of life from a foreign attack on American soil, and the largest single loss of rescue personnel in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, approximately one quarter of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks were New Jerseyans, with approximately 750 residents of our State killed in the attacks; and

WHEREAS, the terrorist attacks on our nation not only caused an immense loss of life, but also inflicted immeasurable agony and anguish on those who lived through the events, which include hundreds of New Jersey families whose lives have been forever altered by the loss of a parent, spouse, child, or other loved one; and

WHEREAS, many New Jerseyans, including thousands of police, fire, military, emergency, and construction personnel bravely ran into harm's way to save lives and recover others from the rubble; and

WHEREAS, many first responders continue to deal with chronic health effects to this day; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five years later, September 11, 2001 will continue to be remembered by New Jerseyans across the State, both privately and at public remembrances and memorials, and we will reflect on this occasion upon the patriotism and compassion that define us as Americans and as New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, it is important to remember all those who have served in the U.S. military and intelligence agencies defending our nation during the 25 years since the September 11th attacks, including the thousands of servicemembers who have lost their lives in overseas engagements; and

WHEREAS, we remain grateful to our law enforcement officers, armed forces, and intelligence officers for their extraordinary sacrifices in the protection of our country and our State; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that this day be observed with full solemnity, in honor of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks, and those who have since passed away from health complications related to rescue and recovery efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKIE SHERRILL, 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 Friday, September 11, 2026, in recognition and in mourning of the victims of the attacks of September 11, 2001, including those from our home State.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
10th day of September,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Six,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Fifty-First.

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Mikie Sherrill

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Timothy P. Lydon

Chief Counsel to the Governor