

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 112**

WHEREAS, United States Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew G. Kantor was a resident of Gillette, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Kantor graduated from Watchung Hills Regional High School in June 2008 and enlisted in the United States Navy in March 2009;

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Kantor was assigned to an East Coast-based Naval Special Warfare unit in Virginia Beach, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Kantor was an honorable and courageous young man who loved his country and the Navy; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Kantor has received some of our nation's highest military honors, including the Bronze Star with "V," Purple Heart Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and NATO Medal; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Kantor tragically lost his life while supporting stability operations in Zabul, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Kantor was a dedicated sailor as well as a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow sailors; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Kantor's heroism, patriotism, and service to his country and his fellow sailors 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, November 9, 2012, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew G. Kantor.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
7th day of November,  
Two Thousand and Twelve, and  
of the Independence of the  
United States, the Two  
Hundred and Thirty-Seventh.

[seal]

/s/Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor