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# **EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 147

WHEREAS, beginning on January 21, 2014 the State of New Jersey is expected to experience a severe winter storm with high winds, heavy snow, mixed precipitation, dangerous storm surges, and sub-zero temperatures throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is predicted to produce hazardous travel conditions, cause fallen trees and power outages, and produce potential coastal, stream, and river flooding throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is expected to result in dangerous conditions across New Jersey for several days, impeding transportation and the normal operation of public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, the impending weather conditions may make it difficult or impossible for citizens to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take action in advance of the storm to lessen the threat to lives and property in this State; and

WHEREAS, the impending weather conditions constitute an imminent hazard, which threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of one or more municipalities and counties of this State; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists in the State of New Jersey and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to activate those elements of the State Emergency Operations Plan that he deems necessary to further safeguard the public security, health, and welfare, to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans as necessary, and to coordinate the preparation, response, and recovery efforts for this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, through the police agencies under his control, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or

county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, and to prevent ingress or egress and further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where their continued presence could present a danger to their health, safety, or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Executive Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

7. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately owned property necessary to protect against this emergency.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution, which will or might in any way conflict

with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

10. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this state of emergency.

11. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any disaster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or his deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

12. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

Dated January 21, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 148

WHEREAS, beginning on February 3, 2014 the State of New Jersey is expected to experience a severe winter storm with high winds, heavy snow, mixed precipitation, dangerous storm surges, and sub-zero temperatures throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is predicted to produce hazardous travel conditions, cause fallen trees and power outages, and produce potential coastal, stream, and river flooding throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is expected to result in dangerous conditions across New Jersey for several days, impeding transportation and the normal operation of public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, the impending weather conditions may make it difficult or impossible for citizens to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take action in advance of the storm to lessen the threat to lives and property in this State; and

WHEREAS, the impending weather conditions constitute an imminent hazard, which threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of one or more municipalities and counties of this State; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists in the State of New Jersey and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to activate those elements of the State Emergency Operations Plan that he deems necessary to further safeguard the public security, health, and welfare, to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans as necessary, and to coordinate the preparation, response, and recovery efforts for this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, through the police agencies under his control, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, and to prevent ingress or egress and further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where their continued presence could present a danger to their health, safety, or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or

modify any existing rule, the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Executive Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

7. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately owned property necessary to protect against this emergency.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution, which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

10. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this state of emergency.

11. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any disaster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or his deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

12. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

Dated February 3, 2014.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 149

WHEREAS, beginning on February 4, 2014, the State of New Jersey is expected to experience a severe winter storm with heavy snow, mixed precipitation including ice, and freezing temperatures throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is predicted to produce hazardous travel conditions, cause fallen trees and power outages, and produce potential coastal, stream, and river flooding throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is expected to result in dangerous and icy conditions across New Jersey for several days, impeding transportation and the normal operation of public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, the impending weather conditions may make it difficult or impossible for citizens to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take action in advance of the storm to lessen the threat to lives and property in this State; and

WHEREAS, the impending weather conditions constitute an imminent hazard, which threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of one or more municipalities and counties of this State; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists in the State of New Jersey and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to activate those elements of the State Emergency Operations Plan that he deems necessary to further safeguard the public security, health, and welfare, to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans as necessary, and to coordinate the preparation, response, and recovery efforts for this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, through the police agencies under his control, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any

or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, and to prevent ingress or egress and further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where their continued presence could present a danger to their health, safety, or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Executive Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

7. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately owned property necessary to protect against this emergency.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution, which will or might in any way conflict

with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

10. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this state of emergency.

11. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any disaster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or his deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

12. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

Dated February 4, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 150

WHEREAS, beginning on January 2, January 21, February 3, and February 4, 2014, the State of New Jersey experienced severe winter storms bringing heavy snow, mixed precipitation including ice, and freezing temperatures throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, beginning on February 12, 2014, the State of New Jersey is expected to experience a severe winter storm with heavy snow, high winds, mixed precipitation including ice, and freezing temperatures throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is predicted to produce hazardous travel conditions, cause fallen trees and power outages, and produce potential coastal, stream, and river flooding throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is expected to result in dangerous and icy conditions across New Jersey for several days, impeding transportation and the normal operation of public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, the impending weather conditions may make it difficult or impossible for citizens to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, the recent series of winter storms in New Jersey have reduced the supply of rock salt to critically low levels; and

WHEREAS, rock salt is an essential to maintaining safe travel on State, county, local, and interstate roads as a result of the dangerous and icy conditions during these winter storms; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take action in advance of the storm to lessen the threat to lives and property in this State; and  
WHEREAS, the impending weather conditions constitute an imminent hazard, which threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of one or more municipalities and counties of this State; and  
WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and  
WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists in the State of New Jersey and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to activate those elements of the State Emergency Operations Plan that he deems necessary to further safeguard the public security, health, and welfare, to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans as necessary, and to coordinate the preparation, response, and recovery efforts for this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, through the police agencies under his control, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, and to prevent ingress or egress and further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where

their continued presence could present a danger to their health, safety, or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. I authorize and empower the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation to take all appropriate steps to alleviate the shortage of rock salt throughout the State in all matters concerning this state of emergency.

7. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Executive Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

8. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately owned property necessary to protect against this emergency.

10. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution, which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

11. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this state of emergency.

12. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any dis-

aster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or his deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

13. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

Dated February 12, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 151

WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Superstorm Sandy (“Sandy”) struck the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take action to minimize and mitigate additional hardships, loss, or suffering as the State continues rebuilding and recovering from Sandy; and

WHEREAS, our State continues to recover and rebuild, by, among other things, reopening businesses at the Jersey Shore as well as throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 33:1-12 allows seasonal alcoholic beverage consumption licensees to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption during only a limited timeframe from May 1, until November 14, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, all seasonal alcoholic beverage consumption licensees are located along the New Jersey coast in Monmouth County; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of Sandy, due to evacuation, power outages, and the declared State of Emergency, all seasonal alcoholic beverage consumption licensees were adversely affected, as they were unable to remain open for business to the full extent allowed by N.J.S.A. 33:1-12, resulting in the loss of significant business activity; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2012, in light of the dangers posed by Sandy, and pursuant to the authority provided under the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, I declared a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserved the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government to protect against the emergency created by Sandy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, I declared that, due to the State of Emergency, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of my Executive Orders, or that will in any way interfere with or impede their achievement; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2013, I issued Executive Order No. 126, which extended by two months the seasonal alcohol license for calendar year 2013,

thereby allowing those licensees, as well as the municipalities where they are located, to expeditiously recover from Sandy, recoup Sandy-related losses, and further the Jersey Shore's rebuilding efforts;

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. For calendar year 2014, the date on which seasonal alcoholic beverage consumption licensees shall be permitted to commence serving alcoholic beverages shall be advanced from May 1, 2014 to March 1, 2014 and shall end on November 14, 2014, inclusive.

2. No municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with the provisions of this Executive Order, or that will or might in any way interfere with or impede its achievement.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated February 19, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 152

WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Superstorm Sandy struck the State of New Jersey, causing unprecedented damage and destruction; and

WHEREAS, many private homes and related buildings suffered significant damage as a result of Superstorm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have been primarily responsible for facilitating the demolition of Sandy-impacted eligible structures, as defined below; and

WHEREAS, working with property owners, municipalities have made significant strides toward demolishing many of these structures; and

WHEREAS, despite these efforts, some Sandy-impacted eligible structures have yet to be demolished, thereby frustrating the State's continuing rebuilding and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, these structures present an ongoing emergency, including without limitation, constituting fire hazards, jeopardizing health and community safety by creating physical dangers, and/or increasing the risk of the spread of vector-borne diseases; and

WHEREAS, no local entity is suited to remediate this problem and, therefore, it is necessary for the State to take appropriate action to demolish these structures; and

WHEREAS, in light of the significant and widespread dangers posed by Superstorm Sandy, and in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the peo-

ple of the State of New Jersey, on October 27, 2012, I signed Executive Order No. 104 declaring and proclaiming that a State of Emergency exists in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order No. 104 and in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I expressly reserved the right to utilize and employ all the available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of this State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately owned property necessary to protect against this emergency; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40 and 9-45, I am authorized to make such orders, rules and regulations as may be necessary to adequately meet the various problems presented by an emergency; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. App. A:9-48, I am authorized to designate a person to take command of emergency management activities and to delegate to such person emergency powers granted me under that Act; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Commissioner of Community Affairs have the expertise, staff, and training needed to best deal with the various aspects of this issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. For purposes of this Order the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

- a. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Community Affairs.
- b. "Department" means the Department of Community Affairs.
- c. "Property owner" means the owner of a property as indicated by a title search, or any person with legal authority to act on behalf of that person.
- d. "Sandy-impacted eligible municipality" means a municipality located in one of the nine counties designated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in its notice published in the Federal Register on March 5, 2013 (Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union).
- e. "Sandy-impacted eligible structure" means any building that is unsound, unsafe, or in a state of disrepair to the extent that it has become uninhabitable due to damage reasonably shown to have been caused by Superstorm Sandy in a Sandy-impacted eligible municipality.

2. I designate the Commissioner to oversee the State's efforts with regard to the demolition of Sandy-impacted eligible structures.

3. I delegate to the Commissioner the power granted me under N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 to commandeer Sandy-impacted eligible structures. I further delegate to the Commissioner the authority to commandeer temporary rights of way on any property containing Sandy-impacted eligible structures that are necessary to demolish

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the structure, to facilitate demolition of the structure, or to carry out any other activities described in, or consistent with, this Order.

4. Identification of Sandy-impacted eligible structures:

a. The Department shall take reasonable steps to identify properties potentially containing Sandy-impacted eligible structures.

b. Code enforcement officials from the Department, or other qualified code enforcement officials designated by the Department that may include local code officials, shall be dispatched to each property reasonably identified as potentially containing a Sandy-impacted eligible structure. Where a code enforcement official determines that a property contains a Sandy-impacted eligible structure, he or she shall prepare a report that states the nature of the hazard or hazards resulting in the determination that the structure is a Sandy-impacted eligible structure.

c. Code enforcement officials from the Department, or other qualified code enforcement officials or their agents, guided by the procedures specified in N.J.S.A. 20:3-16, shall have the authority to enter onto any private or public property to perform the activities required by Paragraph 4.

d. The Commissioner may enter into such agreements with municipalities or other entities as the Commissioner deems useful or necessary to carry out activities pursuant to Paragraph 4.

5. Notices required after a structure is determined to be a Sandy-impacted eligible structure:

a. Notice to the Property Owner: The Department shall cause a title search to be performed to identify the property owner of the property containing the Sandy-impacted eligible structure. Notice of the Sandy-impacted eligible structure determination shall be served on the property owner by personal service within the municipality where the structure is located. If the property owner cannot be found within the municipality where the structure is located after diligent search, then the notice shall be sent by registered or certified mail to the last known address of such person, as on file with the office of the tax collector, and a copy of the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises. All subsequent notifications to the property owner required by this Order shall be made by registered or certified mail to the last known address, or to an address provided by the property owner.

b. The notice shall specify that within fifteen calendar days from the date the notice is served, the property owner must declare his or her: (A) acceptance of the terms of requirements in the notice and preference for the State to demolish the Sandy-impacted eligible structure pursuant to the provisions of this Order; (B) acceptance of the terms of requirements in the notice and preference to perform the required demolition himself or herself; or (C) rejection of the terms of requirements in the notice. The notice shall include a telephone number and email and mailing address where responses from property owners to the notice can be sent.

c. The Department shall attach a form to the notice to be completed by a property owner who accepts the terms of the notice and indicates a preference to have the State demolish the structure pursuant to the provisions of this Order. The form shall specify the conditions described in this Order that would follow from

authorizing the State to perform the demolition pursuant to this Order. The form shall contain such other information as the Department deems appropriate to facilitate the demolition of structures consistent with this Order.

d. If the property owner accepts the terms of the notice but indicates his or her intent to demolish the Sandy-impacted eligible structure without the State's assistance, the Department shall notify the property owner in writing that he or she has 90 calendar days from the date of such notice to perform the required demolition of the Sandy-impacted eligible structure, or else the Department will proceed with demolition pursuant to Paragraph 7 of this Order. Such notice shall indicate that the property owner may request in writing from the Department reasonable extensions of the 90-day demolition period and shall specify a process for the property owner to make such requests. The Department shall exercise discretion in determining whether to grant or deny extension requests, and may request in writing, if necessary, documentation or other proofs from the property owner to inform the decision. No extension requests shall be granted beyond 180 calendar days from the date of the notice described in this Paragraph, absent a showing of good cause.

e. The notice shall indicate that, at any time during this process, the property owner may complete and submit to the Department the consent form described in Paragraph 5(c), and thereby consent to the State performing the demolition of the structure pursuant to this Order.

f. If the property owner rejects the terms of the notice, the Department shall notify the property owner in writing that, to prevent the demolition, within fifteen calendar days of the date of the notice provided by this Paragraph the property owner must submit a challenge to the Sandy-impacted eligible structure determination, pursuant to Paragraph 9.

g. Notice to Lien Holders: Contemporaneous with the issuance of notice to the property owner of the Sandy-impacted eligible structure determination, notice of the Sandy-impacted eligible structure determination shall be sent to any lien holder shown by the title search as having an interest in the property. Notice shall be sent by registered or certified mail to the last known address of each lien holder or may be affected by sending the notice by registered or certified mail to an address specified by the lien holder.

h. Upon receipt of the notice, a lien holder may request in writing, within fifteen calendar days of the date of the notice, that the Department delay demolishing the Sandy-impacted eligible structure for a period not to exceed ninety calendar days from the date of the notice. The property owner shall be copied on any such request. The Department shall grant such requests upon good cause shown. If such request is granted, the Department shall so notify the property owner. No extensions of this ninety-day period shall be permitted, except upon a showing of good cause.

6. Demolition of structures by consent of the property owner:

a. A property owner may consent to the demolition of the Sandy-impacted eligible structure identified in the notice by providing the Department with the form described in Paragraph 5(c). Upon receiving the form, the Department shall notify

any lien holders identified in the title search of the property owner's consent to demolition. Notice shall be provided to the lien holders pursuant to the process described in Paragraph 5(g).

b. A property owner who consents to the demolition of the Sandy-impacted eligible structure waives any legal claim for just compensation or other relief in law or equity in connection with any activity relating to the demolition.

c. The Department may proceed with the demolition in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

7. Demolitions of structures without consent of the property owner:

a. If a property owner does not consent to demolition of the Sandy-impacted eligible structure by the State, and timely initiates a proceeding to challenge the Sandy-impacted eligible structure determination pursuant to Paragraph 9, demolition of such structure shall not proceed unless and until the proceeding concludes with a final agency determination that the structure to be demolished is a Sandy-impacted eligible structure. Following a final agency determination that a structure is such, the Department may proceed with demolition of the structure in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 6.

b. No demolition activities, with the exception of an appraisal by the Department described in Paragraph 10, may occur within twenty-one calendar days of the date of the final agency determination described in Paragraph 9. During that time, the property owner shall have the opportunity to perform an appraisal of the structure to be demolished, at his or her expense. The property owner may request that the Department provide a reasonable extension of the twenty-one-day appraisal period, which the Department should grant upon good cause shown. In no circumstance shall the total time allowed for an appraisal by the property owner exceed sixty calendar days. Upon request, the property owner shall provide to the Department any appraisal of the structure obtained in connection with the demolition of the Sandy-impacted eligible structure pursuant to this Order.

c. Upon satisfying the notice requirements, the Department shall be authorized to enter onto the property as necessary to take all reasonable steps to demolish the Sandy-impacted eligible structure and remove the resulting debris.

8. Demolition of structure where property owner fails to act:

a. If a property owner fails to timely respond to the notice provided pursuant to Paragraph 5(a) with regard to the demolition of the Sandy-impacted eligible structure by the State or fails to timely initiate a proceeding pursuant to Paragraph 9 to challenge the Sandy-impacted eligible structure determination, the Department may proceed with the demolition of the Sandy-impacted eligible structure in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 7.

b. Upon satisfying the requirements in subparagraph a, the Department shall be authorized to enter onto the property as necessary to take all reasonable steps to demolish the Sandy-impacted eligible structure and remove the resulting debris.

9. Process for challenging a Sandy-impacted eligible structure determination:

a. A property owner seeking to challenge a Sandy-impacted eligible structure determination shall have the right to apply to the Department for a hearing. Such a

hearing shall be held within fourteen calendar days of the Department's receipt of such a request.

b. At the hearing, the property owner shall have the opportunity to present evidence that the structure at issue is not a Sandy-impacted eligible structure. The Commissioner shall render the final agency determination as to whether the structure at issue is a Sandy-impacted eligible structure based on the evidence provided by the Department and by the property owner at the hearing.

c. If the property owner prevails in a proceeding filed pursuant to Paragraph 9(a), no demolition can proceed under this Order. The property owner cannot recover money damages, costs, or fees.

d. If the State prevails, the demolition of the Sandy-impacted eligible structure shall proceed in accordance with this Order. The State shall not be entitled to recover costs or fees.

10. Appraisals. Before performing any demolition without consent, the Department shall cause to be obtained a qualified, independent appraisal of the Sandy-impacted eligible structure. The Department shall notify the property owner of the intended entry for purposes of performing the appraisal by sending a notice to the property owner at least ten calendar days prior to performing the appraisal. Additionally, before performing any demolition without consent, the Department shall cause to have competing appraisals reviewed by an individual with appropriate qualifications to review appraisals and such review shall be binding on the Department.

11. The Department of the Treasury shall procure and enter in accordance with the requirements in existing statutes on behalf of the Department any contracts necessary to plan for the demolition of, and to demolish, Sandy-impacted eligible structures identified by the Department in a manner consistent with this Order.

12. Except as provided in Paragraph 6(b), nothing in this Order shall be construed to deny to any person who has an interest in the property containing the Sandy-impacted eligible structure the right to obtain therefor future payment of the reasonable value of such structure. No compensation shall be granted to any individual to the extent that the action of the State does not amount to a taking of property but to a reasonable regulation of property pursuant to a proper exercise of the police power. Furthermore, to the extent federal recovery funds are used to pay for the activities described in this Order, activities shall comply with the federal Uniform Relocation Act, where applicable.

13. Nothing in this Order should be construed to waive or modify any other statutory or regulatory authority that could be invoked by the Commissioner, the Department, or a municipality to facilitate the demolition of Sandy-impacted eligible structures, including but not limited to authority provided by the Uniform Construction Code. Moreover, nothing in this Order should be construed to limit the Commissioner, the Department, or a municipality from working with a property owner to secure an understanding whereby the property owner agrees to reasonably address the condition of the Sandy-impacted eligible structure within a reasonable period of time under the circumstances.

14. The Department is authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this State for information or assistance as deemed necessary to discharge the duties of the Department under this Order. Each department, office, division, or agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the Department and provide such assistance as is necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Order.

15. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated February 28, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 153

WHEREAS, beginning on March 2, 2014, the State of New Jersey is expected to experience a severe winter storm with heavy snow, mixed precipitation including ice, and freezing temperatures throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is predicted to produce hazardous travel conditions, cause fallen trees and power outages, and produce potential coastal, stream, and river flooding throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is expected to result in dangerous and icy conditions across New Jersey for several days, impeding transportation and the normal operation of public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, the impending weather conditions may make it difficult or impossible for citizens to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take action in advance of the storm to lessen the threat to lives and property in this State; and

WHEREAS, the impending weather conditions constitute an imminent hazard, which threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of one or more municipalities and counties of this State; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists in the State of New Jersey and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to activate those elements of the State Emergency Operations Plan that he deems necessary to further safeguard the public security, health, and welfare, to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans as necessary, and to coordinate the preparation, response, and recovery efforts for this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as supplemented and amended, through the police agencies under his control, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, and to prevent ingress or egress and further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where their continued presence could present a danger to their health, safety, or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Executive Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

7. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public

health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately owned property necessary to protect against this emergency.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution, which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

10. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this state of emergency.

11. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any disaster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or his deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

12. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

Dated March 2, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 154

WHEREAS, New Jersey's military installations are essential components of our State's integrated economy and social fabric, contributing economic and societal benefits to communities all across the State; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who live and work in our military installations are an indispensable part of our State and our Nation, defending our country through active duty service, service in the National Guard, service in critical reserve functions, and service in essential civilian roles; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's military installations contribute billions of dollars directly and indirectly to our State's economy; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the stability and growth of all New Jersey military installations is essential to preserving and enhancing the quality of life for the tens of thousands of military and civilian employees who keep our State and our Nation secure and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2013, I signed Executive Order No. 134 (2013) establishing the New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force (“Task Force”), for the purpose of taking steps necessary and appropriate for the development of recommendations relating to additional military missions that will preserve, enhance, and strengthen the State’s military installations; and

WHEREAS, in view of our fiscally austere times, federal officials are examining methods to potentially reduce military spending and the size of our nation’s armed forces; and

WHEREAS, it is in New Jersey’s best interests to undertake every effort to ensure that all New Jersey military installations remain a vibrant part of our State and to ensure that all New Jersey military installations are positioned to grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS, to best preserve our State’s critically important military installations and ensure their stability and growth, State policymakers must make every effort to attract new missions and fresh projects on and near those installations; and

WHEREAS, over the last four years, the Lieutenant Governor has led my Administration’s comprehensive, economic development strategy focused on growing the State’s economy and attracting and retaining jobs;

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. Paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 134 (2013) is hereby amended to expand the membership of the Task Force by one member, from its current five (5) members to six (6) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the Governor’s pleasure. The sixth member shall be the Lieutenant Governor, who shall serve as the chair of the Task Force.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated April 4, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 155

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 3 (2010) created a Red Tape Review Group (“Review Group”) to review pending and proposed rules, regulations, prior Executive Orders, and processes that are, or may be, unduly burdensome to the State’s economy; and

WHEREAS, the Review Group recommended a series of executive policy changes and legislative proposals designed to improve administrative rulemaking by State agencies; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of Governor Christie's continued commitment to improving the regulatory environment in New Jersey, Executive Order No. 41 (2010) continued the efforts of the Review Group by establishing a bi-partisan Red Tape Review Commission ("Review Commission") to provide on-going advice to the Governor on rules, regulations, legislation, Executive Orders, and other administrative processes that could hamper economic development in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in performing its work, the Review Commission has solicited public input from the regulated community, business associations, businesses and non-profits, and private citizens that have informed the Review Commission's analysis of the impact of the regulatory environment on job creation, economic growth, and investment in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the Review Group and Review Commission have led to myriad regulatory and legislative changes that have improved New Jersey's business and regulatory environments including, but not limited to: adoption of the Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act; revising laws and regulations concerning professional and occupational licensure; streamlining the Administrative Procedure Act and improving stakeholder involvement in the rulemaking process; modernizing procedures for contested case hearings before the Office of Administrative Law; and requiring State departments and agencies to leverage technology in their rulemaking and permitting efforts; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 41 (2010) expired on December 31, 2013; and  
WHEREAS, in view of the positive contributions of the Review Commission to New Jersey's regulatory environment, it is therefore appropriate for the Review Commission to continue its work for an additional period to further provide invaluable contributions to improving administrative processes and facilitating economic development;

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. Paragraph 11 of Executive Order No. 41 (2010) is amended to provide that the Review Commission shall continue in existence until December 31, 2015.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated April 30, 2014.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 156

- WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey ("State") is confronting a significant, unanticipated revenue shortfall for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2014, less than six weeks from the date of this Order; and
- WHEREAS, based on the most current projections developed by the Department of the Treasury ("Treasury"), actual and anticipated revenue collections by the State for the current fiscal year are expected to be substantially below the amounts estimated in connection with the Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriations Act, P.L.2013, c.77; and
- WHEREAS, the State Treasurer, in coordination with the Department's Chief Economist and the Office of Revenue and Economic Analysis, now estimates that the State expects to realize a revenue shortfall in the gross income tax of approximately \$875 million, which Treasury largely attributes to unanticipated taxpayer behavior in advance of federal tax changes associated with the 2012 fiscal cliff negotiations; and
- WHEREAS, this newly identified shortfall creates a projected revenue shortfall of approximately \$1 billion for Fiscal Year 2014 when other appropriate revenue adjustments are taken into account; and
- WHEREAS, the State further anticipates additional essential spending needs during Fiscal Year 2014 of approximately \$260 million, including support for individuals enrolled in programs administered by the Department of Human Services and winter operations of the Department of Transportation; and
- WHEREAS, the combined total estimated revenue shortfall and additional essential spending needs for Fiscal Year 2014 is projected to be nearly \$1.3 billion; and
- WHEREAS, the administration has identified Fiscal Year 2014 underspending and lapses totaling more than \$800 million, which is more than sufficient to cover all of the aforementioned supplemental Fiscal Year 2014 essential spending needs, but is not of such a magnitude as to overcome the totality of the unanticipated revenue shortfall; and
- WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Constitution requires the Governor to take care that the laws of this State be faithfully executed, N.J. Const. (1947) Article V, Section 1, Paragraph 11, including ensuring compliance with the constitutional mandate that the State not end the fiscal year with a deficit in accordance with N.J. Const. (1947) Article VIII, Section 2, Paragraph 2; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor is entrusted with the responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this State, as well as the responsibility to aid in the prevention of damage, loss, or destruction of property in the event of emergency affecting the State pursuant to the Disaster Control Act, N.J.S.A. App.A:9-30 et seq.; and
- WHEREAS, during the course of a fiscal year, the Governor may take steps to limit State spending if it appears that revenues have fallen below those originally anticipated in the Appropriations Act by ordering the Director of the Di-

vision of Budget and Accounting (“Director”) to freeze spending and place items into reserve pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27B-26; and

WHEREAS, failure to exercise these powers would result in the State lacking sufficient resources to provide essential State services and basic operations of State government for the balance of Fiscal Year 2014, potentially causing immediate, devastating impacts on the residents of the State; and

WHEREAS, in order to determine which items of spending should be reserved, the State Treasurer and the Director have conferred with the various departments of State government to identify items that can be reserved in Fiscal Year 2014 without imperiling the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, because of the magnitude of the current fiscal situation and the fact that less than six weeks are left in the fiscal year to address it, it is imperative that all unexpended items of appropriation be closely scrutinized and, if appropriate, frozen in order to address the situation; and

WHEREAS, at this late point in the fiscal year, the list of potential options for placement into reserve is short and unappealing, consisting of items of appropriation such as payments to satisfy the State’s debt service obligations and payments to institutions of higher education, hospitals, nursing homes, school districts, municipalities in fiscal distress in the Transitional Aid program, and the State’s pension systems; and

WHEREAS, making severe cuts to some of these programs at this point in the fiscal year would result in unacceptable risks and adverse consequences to the public health, safety, and welfare, including but not limited to lack of access to emergency healthcare;

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. In light of the facts and circumstances set forth in brief above, the Director is hereby ordered to identify and place into reserve items of appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27B-26 in an amount sufficient to ensure that the State does not end the fiscal year with a deficit. The Director shall notify the State Treasurer and the Governor’s Office immediately of the list of items placed into reserve. In the event that during the remainder of Fiscal Year 2014, actual revenues collected are less than the revenues presently anticipated for collection, the Director shall take such further actions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:29B-26 to place into reserve additional amounts or items of appropriation so as to ensure that the State does not end the fiscal year with a deficit. The Director shall report to the Treasurer and the Governor’s Office any additional amounts or items of appropriation that are placed into reserve as well as any actions to release reserved funds for expenditure.

2. In executing the directive described in the preceding paragraph, the Director shall not place into reserve or otherwise prevent the timely disbursement of the

following categories of appropriations, which have been determined to be essential at this time to the maintenance of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the State of New Jersey, despite the severity of the current fiscal situation: debt service payments and final payments to institutions of higher education, hospitals, nursing homes, school districts, and Transitional Aid to municipalities determined to be in fiscal distress.

3. If, and only if, necessary to achieve a budget for Fiscal Year 2014 with an undesignated ending fund balance of \$300 million, the Director is authorized to place into reserve such amounts of payments to the State's pension systems as may be necessary to ensure that the State does not end the fiscal year with a deficit, but only after all other measures authorized in this Order are accomplished and only if those other authorized measures are insufficient; provided, however, that the Director shall not place into reserve the actuarially required annual normal contribution for all active employees calculated in a manner consistent with the provisions of P.L.2010, c.1.

4. The State Treasurer, in consultation with the Director, is directed to monitor the collection of revenues and State expenditures and to report to the Governor's Office on an ongoing basis so that appropriate adjustments, if any, can be made, including by placing into reserve items of appropriation in order to meet changing fiscal conditions.

5. All State officials and agencies shall cooperate fully in the implementation of this Order.

6. I reserve the right to take such actions and issue such orders or directives as may be necessary to meet the various problems presented by this situation, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this State, and to ensure the continued provision of essential State services.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded, modified, or supplemented by me.

Dated May, 20, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 157

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 144 (Corzine 2009) created the New Jersey Hellenic-American Heritage Commission ("Commission") to recognize, study, and promote Hellenic heritage, culture, and history; and

WHEREAS, Americans of Hellenic ancestry contribute to the cultural, social, and economic strength of our State and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 144 (Corzine 2009) expired on June 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the dissemination of knowledge of the heritage, culture, and history of Hellenes and Americans of Hellenic ancestry continues to be important to the State of New Jersey and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of my Administration's commitment to promoting New Jersey's rich and diverse cultural identity, it is therefore appropriate for the Commission to continue its work for an additional period;

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. Paragraph 13 of Executive Order No. 144 (Corzine 2009) is amended to provide that the Commission shall continue in existence until June 11, 2019.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 23, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 158

WHEREAS, Jersey City Police Officer Melvin Santiago was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Officer Santiago was a 2009 graduate of CREATE Charter High School in Jersey City, where he was one of three Hudson County high school seniors to earn the New Jersey Rising Scholars Award; and

WHEREAS, Officer Santiago studied Criminal Justice at Hudson County Community College; and

WHEREAS, Officer Santiago, fulfilling his dream of becoming a police officer, was hired by the Jersey City Police Department in July 2013 and graduated from the police academy in December 2013; and

WHEREAS, Officer Santiago was twenty-three years old, and a loving and devoted son and brother; and

WHEREAS, Officer Santiago was tragically killed in the line of duty while responding to a report of an armed robbery; and

WHEREAS, Officer Santiago's selfless devotion to public service and the protection of his community makes him a hero and a true role model for all New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to recognize his true commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his passing, to honor his memory, and to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss;

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 Wednesday, July 16, 2014, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Police Officer Melvin Santiago.

2. Furthermore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:3-12, the flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at the State House during appropriate hours in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Police Officer Melvin Santiago.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated July 14, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 159

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey ("State") is committed to improving the quality of education for all New Jersey children; and

WHEREAS, my Administration believes that the educational success of each child depends upon rigorous standards, excellent educators, and high quality student assessments that measure the progress of student learning and the effectiveness of classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, in June 2010, the New Jersey State Board of Education amended the Core Curriculum Content Standards to include the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts to provide clear guidelines for teachers and their pupils; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, the federal government has required the assessment of students and, beginning in 2015, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers ("PARCC") assessment will replace the current State assessments; and

WHEREAS, in August 2012, with unanimous bipartisan support from the Legislature, I signed into law the Teacher Effectiveness and Accountability for the Children of New Jersey ("TEACHNJ") Act, which is designed to raise student achievement by improving instruction through constructive feedback, evaluations, and professional support of teachers and school leaders; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education, as part of the flexibility available under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, requires the State to use student growth data as a significant factor in the evaluation of teaching staff; and

WHEREAS, once implemented, the PARCC assessment will measure student learning and its results will be considered as one component, among others, as required in the evaluation of teaching staff under the TEACHNJ Act; and

WHEREAS, in order to determine if the Core Curriculum Content Standards and the PARCC assessment are appropriate to be implemented by school districts throughout New Jersey, a Study Commission composed of a broad range of education practitioners and experts should be established to review and make recommendations on the quality and effectiveness of all student assessments

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administered to K-12 students by the State, school districts, and individual schools, including those administered for college admission, college credit, and career pathways; and

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. There is hereby created a Study Commission on the Use of Student Assessments in New Jersey (the "Study Commission").

2. The Study Commission shall consist of up to nine (9) members appointed by the Governor who shall serve at his pleasure. The Governor shall select a chairperson from among the members of the Study Commission. The Study Commission shall consist of individuals who have practical experience, knowledge, or expertise in the areas of education policy or administration. All members of the Study Commission shall serve without compensation. The Study Commission shall organize as soon as practicable after the appointment of its members.

3. The Study Commission is charged with presenting recommendations to the Governor regarding the quality and effectiveness of student assessments administered to K-12 students. In particular, the Study Commission shall consider and make recommendations on the volume, frequency, and impact of student assessments occurring throughout New Jersey school districts, and on the Core Curriculum Content Standards, including the Common Core State Standards.

4. The Department of Education shall provide staff support to the Study Commission. The Study Commission shall be authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this State to supply it with any information, personnel, or other assistance available as the Study Commission deems necessary to discharge its duties under this Order. Each department, office, division, and agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the Study Commission within the limits of its statutory authority and to furnish the Study Commission with such assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order. The Study Commission may consult with education stakeholders, practitioners, experts or other knowledgeable individuals in the public or private sector on any aspect of its mission.

5. The Study Commission shall issue an initial report containing its recommendations to the Governor no later than December 31, 2014. The Study Commission shall issue a final report to the Governor by July 31, 2015. The Study Commission shall expire upon the Governor's receipt of a report containing their final recommendations pursuant to this Executive Order.

6. The final report of the Study Commission shall be provided to the Legislature and shall be made available to the public.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated July 14, 2014.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 160

WHEREAS, Waldwick Police Officer Christopher Goodell grew up in Waldwick, New Jersey, and was a 2000 graduate of Waldwick High School; and  
WHEREAS, Officer Goodell served in the United States Marine Corps before joining the Waldwick Police Department, where he was a police officer for five years; and  
WHEREAS, Officer Goodell was an experienced radar and traffic officer, as well as a member of the county traffic officers safety organization; and  
WHEREAS, Officer Goodell was recognized by the state chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers in June 2014 for his efforts to combat drunk driving; and  
WHEREAS, Officer Goodell was thirty-two years old, and a loving and devoted son and fiancé; and  
WHEREAS, Officer Goodell tragically lost his life in the line of duty while operating radar on Route 17; and  
WHEREAS, Officer Goodell's dedication to serving his nation and community makes it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to recognize his commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his passing, to honor his memory, and to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss; and

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, July 22, 2014, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Police Officer Christopher Goodell.
2. Furthermore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:3-12, the flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at the State House during appropriate hours in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Police Officer Christopher Goodell.
3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated July 18, 2014.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 161

WHEREAS, one of the highest priorities of my Administration has been reforming the public pension systems and controlling the cost of health benefits coverage for public employees and retirees, in order to preserve reasonable and sustainable programs that do not imperil our State's financial future; and

- WHEREAS, the State's past practice of increasing public employee benefits without planning for their payment and allowing for contributions by the State and its employees that did not match the benefits provided now jeopardizes the future solvency of the public pension systems, while the increasing costs of health benefits threatens to crowd out all other State budget priorities and inhibit future economic growth; and
- WHEREAS, my Administration has worked with the Legislature to enact pension and health benefit reforms producing \$120 billion in savings to taxpayers by 2041; and
- WHEREAS, these important reforms marked only the first steps towards modernizing, stabilizing, and ultimately preserving our pension and health care benefit programs at sustainable levels; and
- WHEREAS, despite the significant actions my Administration has taken to reform the pension and health benefits systems, and the fact that my Administration has made greater contributions to the pension systems than any previous administration, totaling \$2.89 billion in Fiscal Years 2012 through 2015, liabilities continue to mount, resulting in an average annual cost to taxpayers of approximately \$90,000 for each State employee's salary and benefits; and
- WHEREAS, New Jersey taxpayers pay far more for public worker health insurance than the average private sector employer pays for its employees; and
- WHEREAS, beginning in 2018 the federal Affordable Care Act will impose a 40% excise tax on "Cadillac" health plans, such as the health plans currently in place for public workers in New Jersey, and will result in the State paying a \$261 million excise tax in Fiscal Year 2018 and a \$837 million excise tax in Fiscal Year 2022; and
- WHEREAS, given my Administration's commitment to the taxpayers of the State of New Jersey to fiscal responsibility and the fact that a significant portion of State revenues is used to fund public employee and retiree benefits, it is clear that further reforms to the pension systems and health benefits programs are necessary to ensure the sustainability of pensions and health benefits provided to public employees; and
- WHEREAS, with pension payments scheduled to rise to as much as five billion dollars per year by Fiscal Year 2018 and given our State's already high taxes, there is no level of taxation available to us that would meet these costs and not destroy our State's economy and/or existing investments by the State in education, health care and our social safety net; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of the Treasury and its Division of Pensions and Benefits are in the process of completing an exhaustive review of potential public employee entitlement reform proposals for my review; and
- WHEREAS, to aid the Legislature's consideration of necessary reforms, to advise public employees regarding the types and levels of changes that will be necessary to preserve their pension and health care benefits, and to inform the taxpayers of New Jersey about the nature and extent of these serious challenges

and the risk that unless further reform occurs, the State's economy, finances and credit may face unprecedented and potentially disastrous consequences;

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. There is hereby created a non-partisan "New Jersey Pension and Health Benefit Study Commission" (hereinafter the "Study Commission").

2. The Study Commission shall consist of at least five (5) members, appointed by the Governor who shall serve at his pleasure.

3. The Study Commission shall make recommendations regarding the goals and criteria for a sustainable retirement and health benefit system that recognizes the State's desire to attract and retain a highly skilled workforce; courses of action regarding plan design changes to current pension and health benefits; and funding policies for the pension and health benefit systems that will have a high likelihood of allowing the State to achieve these goals.

4. The Study Commission shall examine the history of the State's existing pension and health benefit systems in order to understand what has put the systems in their current state; reform by other government entities; pension and health benefits provided in the private sector; and other factors it deems relevant in order to develop its recommendations regarding pension and health benefit reforms that will strengthen the systems' financial standing with less cost to the taxpayers while providing public employees and retirees with an appropriate level of benefits.

5. The Study Commission shall issue its recommendations in a report to the Governor, which shall include the following:

a. estimates of future benefit payments, expenses, investment returns, funded status and funding requirements of the pension and health benefit system, including the impact of funding requirements on the State's budget, using whatever assumptions and estimates, or ranges of assumptions and estimates, for economic environments and investment returns that the Study Commission determines to be appropriate;

b. an examination of the competitiveness of the pension programs within a total compensation perspective available to participants in the plans compared to similarly situated employees and to New Jersey residents working in the private sector; and

c. necessary constitutional, legislative, and regulatory actions required to implement the proposed changes.

6. The Study Commission shall evaluate and consider the work already undertaken by the Department of the Treasury to devise solutions to the challenges currently facing the pension and benefit systems, and, further, is authorized to call upon the expertise and assistance of all State departments, divisions, offices and agencies to carry out its mission.

7. The Study Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor as soon as possible and no later than thirty (30) days after organizing shall provide a status report as to its progress. The Study Commission shall expire upon the completion of its report containing its findings and recommendations.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated August 1, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 162

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, unprecedented terrorist attacks were launched on New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, more than one quarter of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks were New Jerseyans, with nearly seven hundred of our residents killed in the attacks; and

WHEREAS, thirteen years later, hundreds of New Jersey families must still cope with the devastating loss of a parent, spouse, child or other loved one; and

WHEREAS, this tragic event will be remembered by all New Jerseyans, as we continue to display today the patriotism that defines us as New Jerseyans and as Americans; and

WHEREAS, we remain grateful to our law enforcement communities and our Armed Forces for their invaluable sacrifices to protect us at home and abroad since the terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this day be observed with full solemnity, in tribute to the thousands of innocent victims who perished in the attacks;

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 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 Thursday, September 11, 2014 in recognition and mourning of all of those lost in the September 11th attacks, and particularly, those lost from our home State.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated September 9, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 163

WHEREAS, our country and the State of New Jersey suffer under a substance abuse and addiction epidemic; and

- WHEREAS, the harmful impact of substance abuse and addiction to alcohol, illegal drugs, and prescription medication has devastated individuals, families, and communities; and
- WHEREAS, individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and socio-economic status can fall prey to addiction, and those suffering with addiction are often ashamed of their disease, may be isolated from their communities due to real or perceived stigma, may suffer from co-occurring mental health and physical health diagnoses, and may be unsure where they can access treatment; and
- WHEREAS, drug overdose death rates have increased significantly over the past several years, and we collectively mourn the loss of sons, daughters, parents, friends, colleagues, and classmates that have left us far too soon, and we must seek to understand the myriad factors that contribute to alcohol and drug-related deaths; and
- WHEREAS, the effort to reduce substance abuse, prevent and treat addiction, and quell the rising epidemic across our State requires coordination across the healthcare system, the education system, the legal system, and the social safety net, with participation from parents, coaches, physicians, pharmacists, teachers, religious leaders, and others who can help prevent substance abuse and urge those who succumb to addiction to seek treatment; and
- WHEREAS, a comprehensive and multi-faceted approach to de-stigmatizing addiction, enhancing prevention efforts, and strengthening treatment services is necessary to address the addiction crisis in our State; and
- WHEREAS, as I have stated previously, every human life is precious, and no life is disposable; and

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. There is hereby created a "Facing Addiction Task Force" (hereinafter "Task Force").
2. The membership of the Task Force shall be comprised of the following: (i) the Commissioners of the Department of Human Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Corrections, the Attorney General, and the State Parole Board Chairman, each of whom shall serve ex officio and may appoint a designee; and (ii) six (6) public members appointed by the Governor. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and without compensation.
3. The Governor will designate one individual to serve as Chairperson of the Task Force. The Task Force shall meet on an as-needed basis as determined by the Chairperson.
4. The Task Force is charged with performing a variety of duties including, but not limited to:

a. Develop a thorough understanding of the impact of stigma on individuals struggling with addiction. The Task Force shall review current efforts addressing addiction-related stigma throughout the State and country, and shall develop recommendations for the Governor on additional strategies to reduce the stigma associated with substance abuse and addiction.

b. Develop a thorough understanding of the role prevention plays in reducing substance abuse, addiction, and overdose deaths. The Task Force shall review current preventative efforts underway throughout the State and country and shall develop recommendations for the Governor on enhancing prevention strategies and efforts in New Jersey.

c. Develop a thorough understanding of the role of treatment in helping individuals suffering from addiction conquer their disease and lead fulfilling and meaningful lives. The Task Force shall review the continuum of treatment options in New Jersey including inpatient treatment, outpatient services, and support groups, and develop recommendations for the Governor on strengthening the treatment system.

d. Advise the Governor from time to time and as necessary on matters related to stigma, addiction, and substance abuse.

5. The New Jersey Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the Task Force. The Task Force shall be authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this State to supply it with any information, personnel, or other assistance available as the Task Force deems necessary to discharge its duties under this Order. Each department, office, division, or agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the Task Force within the limits of its statutory authority and to furnish the Task Force with such assistance on a timely basis as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order. The Task Force may consult with experts or other knowledgeable individuals in the public or private sector on any aspect of its mission.

6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated October 9, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 164

WHEREAS, the Ebola virus disease (“EVD”), formerly known as Ebola hemorrhagic fever, is a severe, potentially fatal illness that can spread among humans through direct contact with the bodily fluid of an infected person; and

WHEREAS, since the discovery of EVD in 1976, outbreaks in countries across the world have been controlled through a combination of medical monitoring and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, a new and significant outbreak of EVD emerged in West Africa; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization previously declared Ebola a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, in response to the recent West African EVD event, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the United States Department of Homeland Security (“USDHS”) initiated enhanced EVD entry screening at certain airports in the United States, including Newark Liberty International Airport, for travelers from EVD-affected nations; and

WHEREAS, the USDHS has determined that all commercial airlines transporting individuals into the United States who may have been in contact with EVD patients will be routed to five airports, including Newark Liberty International; and

WHEREAS, preparation for public health hazards such as EVD must involve a coordinated effort across federal, state, county, and local governments, first responders, private organizations, and the entire health care industry in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure that EVD remains controlled, and that residents of New Jersey remain safe and secure;

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. There is hereby created an “Ebola Virus Disease Joint Response Team” (hereinafter the “EVD-JRT”).

2. The EVD-JRT shall be comprised of the following six (6) members: the Commissioners of the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Education, the Attorney General, the Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, and the Superintendent of the State Police, each of whom shall serve ex officio and may appoint a designee. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and without compensation.

3. The Commissioner of Health shall serve as the Chairperson of the EVD-JRT. The EVD-JRT shall meet on an as-needed basis as determined by the Chairperson.

4. The EVD-JRT is charged with coordinating all efforts of this State to appropriately prepare for and respond to the EVD public health hazard. The EVD-JRT is responsible for coordinating with all other members of the Executive Branch, including representatives from the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Department of Transportation, and New Jersey Transit, and any other department, office, division, or agency the EVD-JRT deems necessary for consultation and advice.

5. The EVD-JRT is empowered to create any special advisory panel necessary to develop and deploy the State’s preparation and response to EVD, including medical professionals with knowledge and expertise in the areas of public health, medicine, infectious disease, and related areas.

6. The EVD-JRT shall coordinate the State’s partnership with the Federal government and ensure effective communications and dissemination of information.

7. The EVD-JRT shall work with hospitals and other health care facilities to manage preparations for the possible treatment of patients demonstrating EVD symptoms or risks.

8. The EVD-JRT shall coordinate with local health departments to assess readiness for the management of patients demonstrating EVD symptoms or risks, and develop consistent protocols for monitoring and treatment.

9. The New Jersey Department of Health shall provide staff support to the EVD-JRT. The EVD-JRT shall be authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this State to supply it with any information, personnel, or other assistance available as the EVD-JRT deems necessary to discharge its duties under this Order. Each department, office, division, and agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the EVD-JRT within the limits of its statutory authority and to furnish the EVD-JRT with such assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order. The EVD-JRT may consult with experts or other knowledgeable individuals in the public or private sector on any aspect of its mission.

10. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated October 22, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 165

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Margaret “Marge” Roukema was a dedicated and influential public servant, a true leader both in our State and across our nation, representing New Jersey for over two decades in the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Roukema was born in Newark, New Jersey in 1929, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Montclair State College in 1951, and pursued graduate studies at both Montclair State College and Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Roukema began her career in public service as a teacher for the Ridgewood Public Schools, continuing her commitment to her community as a member of the Ridgewood Board of Education from 1970 to 1973; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Roukema became active in local politics as the first woman elected president of the Ridgewood Republican Club in 1977 and 1978, and in 1977 became campaign coordinator for gubernatorial candidate Thomas H. Kean, Sr. in 30 towns; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Roukema was elected to Congress in 1980, representing New Jersey in the House of Representatives for eleven terms, becoming the longest-serving woman in the House, as well as the senior member of the New Jersey Congressional delegation; and

WHEREAS, after her retirement in 2003, Congresswoman Roukema remained committed to public service, serving on the boards of nonprofit organizations dedicated to children's issues and lecturing about politics at universities; and  
WHEREAS, Congresswoman Roukema was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, and it is with deep sadness that we honor the memory and mourn the passing of Congresswoman Margaret "Marge" Roukema and extend sympathy to her family, her friends, her colleagues, and those whose lives she touched;

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 Monday, November 24, 2014, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Congresswoman Margaret "Marge" Roukema.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated November 21, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 166

WHEREAS, Senator Robert Littell was an extraordinary public servant, who for four decades devotedly served the people of New Jersey as a member of the New Jersey Legislature, bestowing a lasting impression on New Jersey as we know it today; and  
WHEREAS, Senator Littell was born in Orange, New Jersey in 1936, attended Franklin High School and the Hun School of Princeton, and resided in Sussex County; and  
WHEREAS, Senator Littell began his outstanding career of public service through service to our nation in the United States Marine Corps, serving three years in the Korean War and receiving an honorable discharge in 1956; and  
WHEREAS, Senator Littell then served on the Franklin Borough Council from 1963 to 1965, embarking upon a path that would make him one of the most influential political figures in Sussex County history; and  
WHEREAS, Senator Littell began his service in the New Jersey General Assembly in 1968, serving until 1992, when he began his service in the New Jersey Senate; and  
WHEREAS, Senator Littell played a fundamental role in the Senate Budget Committee, working tirelessly to protect New Jersey's taxpayers; and  
WHEREAS, at the time of his retirement from the Senate in 2008, Senator Littell was the longest serving State lawmaker in New Jersey history; and

WHEREAS, even after retirement, Senator Littell spent his life dedicated to serving others, setting up centers for abuse victims in both Sussex and Essex Counties; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, Senator Littell was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, whose family also devoted much of their lives to serving the people of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we honor the memory and mourn the passing of Senator Robert Littell and extend sympathy to his family, his friends, and his many respectful colleagues;

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 25, 2014, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Senator Robert Littell.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated November 21, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 167

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is presently experiencing a nor'easter with rain, snow, mixed precipitation, and strong winds; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued storm warnings for New Jersey including a Winter Storm Warning and Winter Weather Advisory; and

WHEREAS, while this nor'easter is difficult to forecast, significant rain and snowfall is expected throughout the State, hindering Thanksgiving travel and potentially causing power outages; and

WHEREAS, these nor'easter conditions are expected to impede transportation and travel throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the impending weather constitutes an imminent hazard that could threaten and endanger the health, safety, and resources of the residents of one or more municipalities and counties of this State; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists in the State of New Jersey and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to activate those elements of the State Emergency Operations Plan that he deems necessary to further safeguard the public security, health, and welfare, to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans as necessary, and to coordinate the response and recovery efforts from this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq., through the police agencies under his control, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State, municipal, county, or interstate highway, and its access roads, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, and to prevent ingress or egress from any area to which the declaration of emergency applies, and further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where their continued presence would present a danger to their health, safety, or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Executive Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of

Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

7. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-51, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately owned property necessary to protect against this emergency.

9. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county, or other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with any provision of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

10. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this state of emergency.

11. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous, disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any disaster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or his or her deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

12. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

Dated November 26, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 168

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2010, I signed Executive Order No. 11 (2010) establishing a New Jersey Gaming, Sports, and Entertainment Advisory Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, to develop recommendations to

implement a comprehensive, statewide approach concerning the needs of the State's gaming, professional sports, and entertainment industries; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2010, after receiving the Commission's final report, I signed Executive Order No. 34 (2010) extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2011, to support the implementation of the Commission's recommendations that I accepted; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2011, I signed Executive Order No. 69 (2011) extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2012, to utilize the Commission's expertise in continuing to execute its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2012, I signed Executive Order No. 97 (2012) again extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2013, to, among other things, assist with the repositioning of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority within the Department of State; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2013, I signed Executive Order No. 136 (2013) again extending the Commission's existence until December 31, 2013, to continue the Commission's critical mission and to support the essential role that gaming, sports, and entertainment play in this State; and

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2013, I signed Executive Order No. 145 (2013) again extending the Commission's existence until December 31, 2014, to continue the Commission's important role in enhancing our State's gaming, sports, and entertainment industries; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's gaming, sports, and entertainment industries continue to be vitally important to the health of the State's economy and to enhancing the quality of life of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's tourism industry is equally important to the State's economy and faces many of the same challenges confronting the gaming, sports, and entertainment industries; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore appropriate to extend the Commission's existence for an additional period to continue its invaluable contributions to the State's gaming, sports, and entertainment industries;

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. Executive Orders Nos. 34, 69, 97, 136, and 145 are hereby superseded and Paragraph 6 of Executive Order No. 11 (2010) is amended to provide that the Commission shall not expire upon the issuance of its final report, but rather shall continue in existence until December 31, 2015, or such other date as I shall establish, in order to continue to support the implementation of its recommendations and to engage in any other related matters that are referred to the Commission by me or that meet with my approval.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 8, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 169

WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Superstorm Sandy (“Sandy”) struck the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sandy destroyed entire communities and caused significant damage, or complete destruction, to thousands of homes across the State; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the efforts of first responders, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, State and local governmental leaders, and all citizens of New Jersey, our State continues to recover and rebuild; and

WHEREAS, since Sandy struck New Jersey, nonprofit organizations and volunteers have generously donated their resources, time, and talents to aid in the State’s recovery; and

WHEREAS, some nonprofit groups that are organized primarily for the construction and reconstruction of residences for persons displaced by disasters have contributed volunteers and resources to assist in New Jersey’s rebuilding; and

WHEREAS, these nonprofit organizations may recruit high school students, and other minor volunteers, to assist in the repair, construction, and rebuilding of homes damaged or destroyed by Sandy; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2012, in light of the dangers posed by Sandy, and pursuant to the authority provided under the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, I declared a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserved the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government, and of each and every political subdivision of the State, to protect against the emergency created by Sandy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, I declared that, due to the State of Emergency, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of my Executive Orders, or that will in any way interfere with or impede their achievement; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2013, pursuant to Executive Order No. 137 (2013), I ordered that for the remainder of 2013, minors between fourteen and seventeen years of age would be permitted to work as volunteers for nonprofit organizations engaged in housing construction, provided that all other provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:2-21.17d, and any other applicable law, rule, or regulation concerning the employment and protection of minors remained in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2013, pursuant to Executive Order No. 144 (2013), I ordered that through, and including, December 31, 2014, minors between fourteen and seventeen years of age would continue to be permitted to work as volunteers for nonprofit organizations engaged in housing construction, subject to the same conditions as set forth in Executive Order No. 137 (2013); and

WHEREAS, since I signed Executive Order No. 137 (2013), more than 3,000 volunteers between fourteen and seventeen years of age have performed repair and construction work on Sandy-damaged homes in coordination with various nonprofit organizations, to the benefit of many New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, continuing to permit available volunteers between fourteen and seventeen years of age to engage in such repair and construction work, while maintaining all other safeguards that protect minors engaged in construction, will help New Jerseyans return to their homes;

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. Minors between fourteen and seventeen years of age shall continue to be permitted to work as volunteers for nonprofit organizations engaged in housing construction through, and including, December 31, 2016, provided that all other provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:2-21.17d, and any other applicable law, rule, or regulation concerning the employment and protection of minors, shall remain in full force and effect.
2. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall take all appropriate steps to effectuate this Order.
3. No municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with the provisions of this Executive Order, or that will or might in any way interfere with or impede its achievement.
4. All other provisions of Executive Order No. 137 (2013) and Executive Order No. 144 (2013) which are not inconsistent with this Order shall remain in full force and effect.
5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 8, 2014.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 170

WHEREAS, Cliffside Park Police Officer Stephen Petruzzello was born in Englewood, New Jersey and raised in Cliffside Park, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello graduated from Cliffside Park High School in 2011 and studied criminal justice at Bergen Community College; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello was trained at the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello was hired as a Special Police Officer in November 2014 by the Cliffside Park Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello was posthumously appointed as a Cliffside Park Police Officer with badge No. 133 by the Cliffside Park Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello was twenty-two years old, and a loving and devoted son; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello was tragically killed in the line of duty after being struck and fatally injured by an automobile while on patrol; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello's dedication to the protection and well-being of his hometown makes him a true hero to his community and to the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to recognize his commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his passing, to honor his memory, and to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIMBERLY M. GUADAGNO, Acting 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, January 2, 2015, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Officer Stephen Petruzzello.
2. Furthermore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:3-12, the flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at the State House during appropriate hours in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Officer Stephen Petruzzello.
3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 31, 2014.