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EXECUTIVE ORDERS

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 171

WHEREAS, Atlantic City has entered an historic period of opportunities and challenges, spurred by dramatic shifts in consumer spending, and driven by an unsustainable tax, revenue, and spending structure; and

WHEREAS, for decades, the casino gaming and tourism industries in Atlantic City have been vitally important to the local, regional, and State economies; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, casino gaming in Atlantic City has faced steadily increasing regional competition from casinos in neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, gaming revenues in Atlantic City have declined from a peak of approximately \$5.2 billion in 2006 to approximately \$2.5 billion in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic City's gaming revenues are anticipated to decline further as a result of regional competition and other factors; and

WHEREAS, economic factors, including the decline in gaming revenues, have caused the assessed value of property for taxation in Atlantic City to decline from \$20.4 billion in 2010 to \$11.3 billion in 2014; and

WHEREAS, further decline in assessed value of Atlantic City property is anticipated in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the decline in assessed values has caused Atlantic City to incur substantial liability for property tax refunds as a result of tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, four casinos in Atlantic City ceased operations in 2014 and others are delinquent in the payment of taxes to Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, the closure and tax delinquency of Atlantic City casinos increases the financial burden on the remaining casinos, other businesses and interests, and threatens the long-term health of the casino gaming and tourism industries in Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic City has incurred \$345 million of new bond debt since 2010 to cover tax appeals and municipal deficits, and debt service now comprises approximately 15 percent of Atlantic City's budget; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic City has upcoming pension payments of approximately \$23 million in 2015 and \$25 million in 2016 and is currently relying on unsustainable bond issuances in part to fund these pension payments; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic City's school system spends significantly more per pupil than comparable districts, and student test scores are significantly lower than comparable districts; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic City's school district graduates less than 68 percent of its students; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic City is in imminent danger of running out of cash and may be unable to satisfy payroll and other general financial obligations jeopardizing the ability to provide essential municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the financial condition of Atlantic City and the imminent cash crisis jeopardizes both the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and the economic well-being of the State and its people; and

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WHEREAS, the Constitution of New Jersey, Article V, Section 1, Paragraphs 1 and 11 vest the executive power of the State in the Governor and directs that the Governor take care that the laws be faithfully executed; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic City is currently subject to the supervision of the Local Finance Board ("Board") under the Local Government Supervision Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27BB-54 et seq. (the "Supervision Act"), pursuant to the Board's resolution dated September 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized and empowered by the Supervision Act to supervise municipalities in need of financial rehabilitation and delegate its powers under the Supervision Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board and its appointees are authorized and empowered by the Supervision Act to analyze all factors and circumstances of a municipality subject to the supervision of the Board under the Supervision Act and to recommend and implement definite steps to correct the financial condition of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 11, the Governor created the Governor's Advisory Commission on New Jersey Sports, Gaming, and Entertainment ("Commission"); and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2014, the Commission submitted a report to the Governor finding that Atlantic City faces an economic and budgetary crisis and recommended that Atlantic City make immediate reforms to property taxation, pension payments, and municipal services in order to rectify its financial condition; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has accepted some of the recommendations of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, the welfare of the people of the State and Atlantic City requires a plan to be prepared and negotiated with all affected stakeholders to place the financial condition of Atlantic City on a viable long-term financial footing consistent with the present and foreseeable revenue and expenses based on all economic factors, including the conditions of casino gaming and tourism in Atlantic City and the region;

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

1. There shall be appointed an Emergency Manager for Atlantic City in the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services.
2. The Emergency Manager is hereby authorized and directed:
 - a. To analyze and assess the financial condition of Atlantic City;
 - b. To prepare and recommend, within 60 days of appointment, a plan to place the finances of Atlantic City in stable condition on a long-term basis by any and all lawful means, including the restructuring of municipal operations and the adjustment of the debts of Atlantic City pursuant to law; and

c. To negotiate with parties affected by the recommended plan for an adjustment of Atlantic City's debts and the restructuring of its municipal operations and, in his discretion, to recommend modifications of the plan as a result of such negotiations.

3. The Emergency Manager shall be authorized to consult, in his discretion, with all stakeholders, including the Mayor and Council of Atlantic City, the Atlantic County Executive and the governing body of Atlantic County, representatives of bondholders, judgment creditors, other creditors, collective bargaining representatives of municipal employees and organizations, and such other persons and parties as necessary to secure the long-term financial stability and viability of Atlantic City and its economy.

4. All state agencies and all officers, employees, agents, divisions, departments, bureaus, and authorities of the City of Atlantic City shall cooperate in the implementation of this Order, and shall make available to the Emergency Manager at his request all financial and other information, documents, and records of, or pertaining to, Atlantic City.

5. Pending receipt of recommendations from the Emergency Manager, I reserve the right to take such additional actions, invoke such emergency powers, and issue such emergency orders or directives as may be necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Atlantic City and the State, and to ensure the continued provision of essential services in Atlantic City.

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

Dated January 22, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 172

WHEREAS, beginning on January 26, 2015, the State of New Jersey is expected to experience a severe winter storm with heavy snow accumulations, mixed precipitation, strong winds, and freezing temperatures throughout the State; and

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

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is predicted to produce hazardous travel conditions, power outages, and potential coastal, stream, and river flooding throughout the State; 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
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 January 26, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 173

WHEREAS, Ocean County Detective John Scott Stevens lived in Forked River, New Jersey and was a Seton Hall University graduate; and
WHEREAS, Detective Stevens was a certified public accountant who began his law enforcement career with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice; and
WHEREAS, Detective Stevens was a 15-year veteran of the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office who was currently assigned to the Special Operations Group where he was recently recognized for his work; and
WHEREAS, Detective Stevens served 20 years in law enforcement throughout his career; and
WHEREAS, Detective Stevens was forty-four years old, and a loving husband and father; and
WHEREAS, Detective Stevens passed away on January 21, 2015 following injuries suffered from an earlier automobile accident while on duty; and
WHEREAS, Detective Stevens' devotion to public service and the protection of others 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 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 Friday, January 30, 2015, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Detective John Scott Stevens.

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 Detective John Scott Stevens.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated January 29, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 174

WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Super Storm 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, thereby 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, and on February 19, 2014, I issued Executive Order No. 151, each of which extended by two months the seasonal alcohol license for calendar years 2013 and 2014 respectively, 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 2015, the date on which seasonal alcoholic beverage consumption licensees shall be permitted to commence serving alcoholic beverages shall be advanced from May 1, 2015 to March 1, 2015 and shall end on November 14, 2015, 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 25, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 175

WHEREAS, beginning on March 4, 2015, the State of New Jersey is expected to experience a winter storm with heavy snow, mixed precipitation including ice, and freezing temperatures throughout the State; and

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

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

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 March 4, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 176

WHEREAS, United States Marine Captain Stanford H. Shaw III was a native of Basking Ridge, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Captain Shaw attended Ridge High School where he served as student government president and captain of the lacrosse team; and

WHEREAS, Captain Shaw graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2006 and accepted a commission as a Marine officer; and

WHEREAS, Captain Shaw was a dedicated and decorated Marine and the recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Com-

mentation, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment ribbon with two stars; and

WHEREAS, Captain Shaw was currently assigned to United States Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Captain Shaw tragically lost his life during a training exercise off the coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Captain Shaw's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow Marines make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, March 23, 2015, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Marine Captain Stanford H. Shaw III.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated March 19, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 177

WHEREAS, Manchester Township Police Officer Scott R. Thompson was born in Ridgewood, New Jersey, and lived in Beachwood, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson began his career as a Special Officer in Seaside Park, and later graduated from the Ocean County Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson also served the communities of South Toms River and Lakehurst, and had been a member of the Manchester Township Police since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson received several awards and commendations including a 2014 Meritorious Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson had been slated for promotion prior to his passing and will be posthumously promoted to the rank of Corporal; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson was forty-seven years old, and a loving and devoted husband and father; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson tragically died after collapsing at the Manchester Township Police Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thompson's selfless devotion to public service and the protection of others 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 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 Friday, April 17, 2015, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Officer Scott Thompson.

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 Scott Thompson.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated April 16, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 178

WHEREAS, protecting the citizens and public and private institutions within the State of New Jersey from the threat of cybersecurity attacks is a priority of this Administration; and

WHEREAS, numerous personal, commercial, and governmental transactions within and through the State of New Jersey are accomplished using electronic means on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, cybersecurity attacks, including data breaches, corporate theft, and sabotage perpetrated by state and non-state actors throughout the world present unique threats to New Jersey's citizens, governments, businesses, and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, statewide coordination is required to effectively ensure cybersecurity and preparedness; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public and private sectors share a mutual interest in the maintenance of a secure cyberspace; and

WHEREAS, creating a New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell as an Information Sharing and Analysis Organization authorized to coordinate cybersecurity information sharing and analysis across all levels of gov-

ernment, agencies, authorities, and the private sector pursuant to 6 U.S.C. § 133 et seq. will allow for collaboration on issues involving cybersecurity; and WHEREAS, formally establishing a New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell as the first Information Sharing and Analysis Organization of its kind will greatly enhance the safety, security, and preparedness of the State of New Jersey;

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. The New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (“NJCCIC”) is established as the central State civilian interface for coordinating cybersecurity information sharing, performing cybersecurity threat analysis, and promoting shared and real-time situational awareness between and among the public and private sectors.

2. The NJCCIC shall coordinate information sharing related to cybersecurity risks, warnings, and incidents, and may provide support regarding cybersecurity incident response as well as cyber crime investigations.

3. The NJCCIC shall provide information and recommend best practices concerning cybersecurity and resilience measures to public and private entities, including information security and data protection measures.

4. The NJCCIC shall serve as an Information Sharing and Analysis Organization pursuant to 6 U.S.C. § 133 et seq. and may liaise with the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center within the United States Department of Homeland Security, other federal agencies, and other public and private sector entities on issues relating to cybersecurity.

5. The NJCCIC shall be composed of appropriate representatives of State entities, including the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, Office of the Attorney General, Division of State Police, and Office of Information Technology, as well as local, county, and federal partners and private sector entities as deemed appropriate by the Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

6. The NJCCIC shall be authorized to draw upon the assistance of any department, office, division, or agency of this State to supply it with expertise and assistance, including information and personnel, to carry out the NJCCIC mission.

7. The NJCCIC shall be authorized to draw on the assistance of any county or municipal governmental agency, or any independent state authority, for the purposes of carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

8. The NJCCIC shall identify and may participate in appropriate federal, multi-state, or private sector programs and efforts that support or complement its cybersecurity mission.

9. The NJCCIC shall be authorized to receive relevant cybersecurity threat information from appropriate sources, including public utilities and private industry.

10. The NJCCIC shall be part of the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

11. The NJCCIC shall be primarily located at the Regional Operations Intelligence Center, which is operated by the Division of State Police.

12. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated May 20, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 179

WHEREAS, Anthony Raspa, joined the New Jersey State Police as a graduate of the 152nd Class of the New Jersey State Police Academy on October 4, 2013, and was a member of Troop "C" stationed in Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Raspa lived in Highland Park, New Jersey, graduated from Bishop George Ahr High School in 2008, then graduated from the University of Delaware in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Raspa served with exceptional courage, professionalism, and commitment to the finest ideals and traditions of the New Jersey State Police; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Raspa served proudly as part of the finest State Police force in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Raspa was a loving son, brother, grandson, and cousin, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, fellow members of the New Jersey State Police, and all law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Raspa has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while protecting the citizens of the State of New Jersey and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing and to honor his memory; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Trooper Raspa, and extend our sincere sympathy to his family, friends, and fellow members of the New Jersey State Police;

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 Thursday, June 4, 2015 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal hero, New Jersey State Trooper Anthony Raspa, Badge 7425.

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 Trooper Anthony Raspa.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 1, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 180

WHEREAS, the responsible use of firearms has been a part of our Nation's fabric since before the founding; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution codifies the pre-existing individual right to possess and carry firearms including for the purpose of self-protection against confrontation, declaring that it shall not be infringed; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has recognized that an individual right to bear arms for defensive purposes is a core and fundamental guarantee; and

WHEREAS, the lawful exercise of a fundamental constitutional right may not be unduly burdened by State or local regulations, or government agencies implementing such provisions; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's laws and regulations impose significant restrictions on an individual's ability to purchase, transport, carry, and use firearms within the State; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2015, a New Jersey resident was tragically killed in a horrific act of violence perpetrated at her home; and

WHEREAS, this victim previously sought and received the protection of a Domestic Violence Restraining Order and subsequently submitted an application for a permit to purchase a handgun, which application remained pending beyond the applicable thirty-day statutory deadline at the time of her killing; and

WHEREAS, any needless or unreasonable delay in processing permit applications hinders the lawful and responsible exercise of a constitutional right and the ability of individuals to bear arms for protection and self-defense; and

WHEREAS, we must ensure that the laws and regulations surrounding the responsible use of firearms and handguns reflect the appropriate level of government regulation of this fundamental, individual right to self-protection; and

WHEREAS, a review of state laws and regulations as well as the procedures employed by state and local law enforcement agencies may identify appropriate modifications to remove unnecessary restrictions that interfere with the exercise of rights under the Second Amendment while maintaining public safety;

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 "New Jersey Firearm Purchase and Permitting Study Commission" (hereinafter the "Study Commission").

2. The Study Commission shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Governor who shall serve at his pleasure. The Governor may select a chairperson from among the members of the Study Commission. The Study Commission shall consist of members with expertise in criminal law. 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 conducting a review of New Jersey laws, regulations, and procedures pertaining to the ownership and possession of firearms.

4. The Governor's Office 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 experts or other knowledgeable individuals in the public or private sector on any aspect of its mission.

5. The Study Commission may report to the Governor from time to time and shall issue a final report to the Governor setting forth the Study Commission's recommendations pursuant to this Order no later than 90 days after organizing. The Study Commission shall expire upon issuance of its final report.

6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 29, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 181

WHEREAS, five United States servicemen were shot and killed in an attack on two military facilities in Chattanooga, Tennessee on Thursday, July 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, this deliberate and intentional act of violence against our armed forces took the lives of five brave American heroes; and

WHEREAS, United States Marines Gunnery Sergeant Thomas Sullivan, Staff Sergeant David A. Wyatt, Sergeant Carson A. Holmquist, and Lance Corporal Squire K. Wells and United States Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith all served with honor and made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the devastating loss of the victims of this American tragedy and pause to offer our deepest sympathies to their families and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims, to honor their memories, and to mark their passing;

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 22, 2015, in recognition of the lives and in mourning of the passing of Gunnery Sergeant Thomas Sullivan, Staff Sergeant David A. Wyatt, Sergeant Carson A. Holmquist, Lance Corporal Squire K. Wells, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated July 21, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 182

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Technician ("EMT") Hinal Patel of Piscataway, New Jersey, attended Piscataway High School and graduated from Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, EMT Patel completed her EMT training in 2012 and served her community by providing emergency medical services on behalf of the Spotswood Emergency Medical Service and the North Stelton Volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2015, EMT Patel tragically passed away in the line of duty following a motor vehicle accident while responding to an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, EMT Patel's compassion for others and commitment to her community through providing care to those in need makes her a hero and a true role model for all New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of EMT Hinal Patel, and extend our sincere sympathy to her family, friends, and fellow first responders; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember EMT Hinal Patel, to mark her passing, and to honor her memory;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Friday, July 31, 2015 in recognition and mourning of EMT Hinal Patel.

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 EMT Hinal Patel.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated July 30, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 183

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, fourteen 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, and instrumentalities and all public buildings during appropriate hours on Friday, September 11, 2015 in recognition and mourning 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, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 184

WHEREAS, the eighth World Meeting of Families and concurrent Papal Visit will take place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from September 21-27, 2015; and
WHEREAS, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families, and draws participants from around the globe; and
WHEREAS, the World Meeting of Families event includes a papal visit by Pope Francis on September 26 and 27, 2015; and
WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 27, 2015, Pope Francis will celebrate mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia; and
WHEREAS, more than 2 million people are expected to attend this event, with tens of thousands of visitors traveling through the southwest region of New Jersey to access Philadelphia; and
WHEREAS, this event is likely to cause gridlock on roadways within a 50-mile radius around Philadelphia, with as many as 250,000 additional vehicles on the roadways, which equates to hundreds of lane miles of heavy traffic; and
WHEREAS, the World Meeting of Families and Papal Visit will draw enormous crowds, attract thousands of buses traveling through New Jersey into Philadelphia, and tens of thousands of people walking across the Benjamin Franklin Bridge into Philadelphia; and
WHEREAS, this event is likely to be too large in scope to be handled by the normal State, County and municipal operating services, and may affect other parts of the State; and
WHEREAS, to coordinate, manage, and respond to this event, it may be necessary to employ the resources of State, County and municipal governments; and
WHEREAS, managing this event requires the coordinated deployment of personnel and other resources to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly 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 all the people in the State of New Jersey do declare and proclaim that a State of Emergency exists across New Jersey for the purpose of managing this event and coordinating mutual aid through

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the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), and do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of the State Police, to activate those elements of the State Emergency Operations Plan that he deems necessary to respond to this event, including but not limited to consideration and response to EMAC or appropriate mutual aid requests, if any, and to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans as necessary to identify resources that are available for response as authorized by and coordinated through the State Director of Emergency Management.

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 such 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 Attorney General or Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, as supplemented and amended, 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, to provide a full and prompt utilization of resources to effectively manage this event.

5. 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.

6. 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.

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, 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 affected municipality within this State, nor to any affected 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.

9. All persons participating in a response authorized by the State Director of Emergency Management to an EMAC request shall be considered State emergency forces for the purposes of EMAC.

10. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., unless extended by me.

Dated September 18, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 185

WHEREAS, Lawrence Peter "Yogi" Berra was a World War II veteran, Major League baseball player, coach, philosopher, and longtime resident of Montclair, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, Yogi Berra traded his minor league baseball uniform for a Navy uniform and bravely defended our country during the D-Day invasion at Normandy, providing cover fire for our troops landing at Omaha Beach; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra is a true icon of our Nation's pastime and one of the profession's greatest players; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra made his Major League Baseball debut for the New York Yankees in 1946, and won ten World Series Championships while playing for the Yankees; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Yogi Berra appeared in 15 All-Star Games and won three American League Most Valuable Player awards; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972 and will forever be immortalized by baseball fans for this distinction; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra's greatness on the baseball field is only matched by his wit, charm, humor, and his many "Yogi-isms" that have endeared him to generations of baseball fans and all Americans alike; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra earned an honorary doctorate from Montclair State University, which is also the site of the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center, as well as Yogi Berra Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra continues to inspire younger generations of fans today through his timeless warmth and youth sportsmanship programs; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra passed away in New Jersey on September 22, 2015, on the sixty-ninth anniversary of his Major League debut with the New York Yankees; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of Yogi Berra, a cherished national treasure and baseball legend, and extend our sincere sympathy to his family, friends, and fans; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the achievements and contributions, to honor the memory, and to mark the passing of Yogi Berra;

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, September 29, 2015, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Yogi Berra.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated September 25, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 186

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service is forecasting a dangerous nor'easter weather pattern impacting New Jersey beginning on October 1, 2015, including high winds, very heavy rain, inland river flooding, as well as major coastal flooding with heavy surf and beach erosion; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center currently has forecasted the track for the impending weather event Joaquin, now a major hurricane, showing it moving northward off the mid-Atlantic coast late on or about October 4, 2015, which may cause significant flooding, dangerous storm surges between eight and ten feet, substantial wind damage, and stream and river flooding threatening homes and other structures, and endangering lives in the State; and

WHEREAS, these impending weather conditions may cause power outages, impede transportation and the flow of traffic in New Jersey, and thereby 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 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 or 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 throughout 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 implement the State Emergency Operations Plan and 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 such 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. I further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Attorney General or Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities or jurisdictions.

4. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency, governmental, or essential 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 N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, as supplemented and amended, 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 di-

rected 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 October 1, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 187

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2015, senseless and devastating acts of violence were committed at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, these horrific and deliberate acts victimized numerous persons, their families, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, these acts tragically took the lives of nine innocent people, specifically, Lucero Alcaraz, Treven Taylor Anspach, Rebecka Ann Carnes, Quinn Glen Cooper, Kim Saltmarsh Dietz, Lucas Eibel, Jason Dale Johnson, Lawrence Levine, and Sarena Dawn Moore, and caused several others to suffer serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the devastating loss of the victims of this needless violence, and pause to offer our deepest sympathies to their families, friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims, to honor their memories, and to mark their passing;

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, October 6, 2015, in recognition of the lives and in mourning of the passing of the victims of the shootings at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated October 5, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 188

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Kevin Joniel Rodriguez was a resident of Paterson, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Rodriguez enlisted in the Army on October 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Rodriguez served honorably as an infantryman with the 101st Airborne Division, Company A, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Rodriguez was a dedicated and decorated soldier and the recipient of the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Expert Marksmanship Badge; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Rodriguez was a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Rodriguez tragically lost his life as the result of a training accident at Fort Campbell; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Rodriguez' heroism, dedication, and commitment to service and country make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Specialist Kevin Joniel Rodriguez.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated October 19, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 189

WHEREAS, Firefighter Gerald "Bear" Celecki was raised in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and lived in South Amboy, New Jersey, serving for more than fifty years in the fire departments of both cities; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Celecki was a Chief of the Middlesex County Fire Police; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Celecki was a longtime member of the South Amboy Fire Department, Progressive Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Celecki was a member of the Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Celecki was a member of the New Jersey State Exempt Firemen's Association; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Celecki was a member of the Antique Fire Apparatus Association of Central New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Celecki, a loving and devoted husband and brother, tragically lost his life while on the scene during an emergency response; and
WHEREAS, Gerald Celecki's dedication, determination, and selfless devotion to public service and the protection of others are worthy of recognition by all New Jerseyans; 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 many friends and 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 Thursday, October 22, 2015, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Firefighter Gerald "Bear" Celecki.
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 Firefighter Gerald "Bear" Celecki.
3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated October 20, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 190

WHEREAS, New Jersey's law enforcement officers demonstrate remarkable courage and commitment by protecting the lives and property of the citizens of our State; and
WHEREAS, law enforcement officers regularly place their own personal safety at risk in order to keep our streets safe from crime and violence; and
WHEREAS, law enforcement officers display extraordinary professionalism and respect for the communities they serve; and
WHEREAS, in the course of their duties, many law enforcement officers have been tragically killed or seriously injured; and
WHEREAS, at a time when some have unfairly criticized law enforcement, it is especially important to recognize the tremendous efforts and sacrifice made by law enforcement officers within our municipalities, counties and State, and express our heartfelt gratitude to each of them; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to recognize law enforcement officers in this State and around the country, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf;

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. That Thursday, November 5, 2015 shall be recognized as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in New Jersey, and accordingly, all citizens of this State, and all other private and public agencies and organizations are called upon to celebrate this day by appropriate observance.

2. 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 Thursday, November 5, 2015, in recognition of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, and in honor of all law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated November 2, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 191

WHEREAS, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission ("PVSC") provides wastewater treatment and removal services within the Passaic Valley Sewerage District, and serves approximately 1.4 million people; and

WHEREAS, in January 2011, six members of PVSC's Board of Commissioners were suspended from their positions, and ultimately resigned, following the emergence of facts and allegations regarding unethical conduct during the prior decade; and

WHEREAS, these suspensions and resignations resulted in the Board's inability to constitute a quorum, thereby jeopardizing PVSC's ability to operate its sewerage treatment plant and associated facilities, as well as other essential activities related to these operations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with my responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this State, I determined that it was necessary to take action to ensure the continued operation of PVSC's facilities notwithstanding the loss of six commissioners; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2011, in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of the State of New Jersey, including but not limited to the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq., and all amendments and supplements thereto, I signed Executive Order No. 55, which, among other things, declared a State of Emergency within the Passaic Valley Sewerage District and vested authority in

PVSC's Executive Director to take steps to ensure the continuity of PVSC's operations; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 55 further provided that it was to remain in full force and effect until rescinded, modified, or supplemented in response to the ongoing State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2014, June 25, 2015, and August 13, 2015, the Senate confirmed the nominations of new commissioners to the PVSC Board; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the aforesaid Senate confirmations, the PVSC Board of Commissioners is now able to constitute a quorum to conduct business;

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 Order No. 55 (2011) is hereby rescinded.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated November 9, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 192

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 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, 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, Governor Christie signed Executive Order No. 134 (2013) establishing the New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force ("Task Force") for the purpose of taking the 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, on April 4, 2014, Governor Christie signed Executive Order No. 154 (2014) amending Paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 134 (2013) in order to

expand the membership of the Task Force by one member and name the Lieutenant Governor as chair; 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 their communities, and 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 economic development on and near those installations; and

WHEREAS, it is important to demonstrate New Jersey's commitment to preserving and strengthening our military installations by continuing the important work of the Task Force;

WHEREAS, the Task Force's June 2015 report made various recommendations that would help preserve our military bases and broaden the relationships those bases maintain with businesses small and large;

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. Paragraph 6 of Executive Order No. 134 (2013) is amended to provide that the Task Force shall not expire upon the issuance of its final report, but rather shall continue in existence until December 31, 2017, or the end of the Administration's current term, in order to continue to support the implementation of its recommendations and to engage in any other related matters that are referred to the Task Force by me or that meet with my approval.

2. A Military and Defense Economic Ombudsman shall be appointed by the Governor, and serve at the Governor's pleasure, to evaluate and carry out the recommendations for coordinating and improving the economic environment for New Jersey's military installations and defense industry discussed in the Task Force's June 2015 report. The Ombudsman shall serve without compensation.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated November 10, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 193

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2015, horrific acts of terrorism were committed at multiple locations in Paris, France; and

WHEREAS, the evil perpetrators of these atrocities callously took the lives of well over one hundred innocent people, and injured hundreds of others; and
WHEREAS, among those killed was Nohemi Gonzalez, a 23 year-old American college student from California; and
WHEREAS, these coordinated acts of terrorism, like the attacks of September 11, 2001, represent an assault on civilized people throughout the world, and must be condemned in the strongest possible terms; and
WHEREAS, it is imperative that leaders in the United States, France, and other countries around the globe take decisive action to deliver justice to those responsible for these attacks, and to ensure the safety of innocent people in the future; and
WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of Nohemi Gonzalez and all the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris, France, and we pause to offer our deepest sympathies to their families, friends, and loved ones; and
WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims, to honor their memories, and to mark their passing;

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 17, 2015, in recognition of the lives and in mourning of the passing of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris, France.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated November 16, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 194

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2015, terrorists attacked a hotel in Bamako, Mali, killing at least 19 people; and
WHEREAS, among those murdered was a 41-year-old American, Anita Datar, who grew up in New Jersey and graduated from Mount Olive High School in Flanders in 1991, and from Rutgers University in 1995; and
WHEREAS, Anita Datar dedicated her life to helping others by delivering health services to people in some of the poorest parts of the world, exemplified by her work in the Peace Corps and her distinguished career in international development; and
WHEREAS, Anita Datar is a true hero and role model of the highest order, who bravely immersed herself in dangerous environments, and whose life's work is

a testament to her tremendous courage, remarkable compassion, and unwavering commitment to improving the lives of those most in need; and
WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Anita Datar and all the victims of the terrorist attack in Bamako, Mali, and we pause to offer our sincerest sympathies to their families, friends, and loved ones; and
WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims, to honor their memories, and to mark their passing;

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 24, 2015, in recognition of the lives and in mourning of the passing of Anita Datar and the other victims of the terrorist attacks in Bamako, Mali.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated November 23, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 195

WHEREAS, United States Army Private Christopher J. Castaneda had been a resident of Hammonton, New Jersey, and graduated from Hammonton High School in 2014; and
WHEREAS, on January 27, 2015, Private Castaneda enlisted in the United States Army, and was subsequently deployed to Iraq in August of this year; and
WHEREAS, Private Castaneda served honorably in the United States Army as an infantryman in C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division; and
WHEREAS, Private Castaneda tragically lost his life on November 19, 2015, as a result of a non-combat-related incident while deployed in Iraq; and
WHEREAS, Private Castaneda was a loving son and grandson, who will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and
WHEREAS, Private Castaneda was a brave and dedicated soldier, whose awards include the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Army Service Ribbon; and
WHEREAS, Private Castaneda's heroism and commitment to service and country make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Friday, December 4, 2015, in recognition and mourning of a courageous and loyal American soldier, United States Army Private Christopher J. Castaneda.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 2, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 196

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2015, terrorists attacked a center for people with disabilities in San Bernardino, California, killing at least 14 people, and injuring many others; and

WHEREAS, this coordinated attack constitutes the deadliest act of terrorism committed on American soil since September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of those killed in this attack, namely Robert Adams, Isaac Amanios, Bennetta Betbadal, Harry Bowman, Sierra Clayborn, Juan Espinoza, Aurora Godoy, Shannon Johnson, Daniel Kaufman, Damian Meins, Tin Nguyen, Nicholas Thalasinis, Yvette Velasco, and Michael Wetzel, and we pause to offer our deepest sympathies to their families, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims, to honor their memories, and to mark their passing;

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, December 8, 2015, in recognition of the lives and in mourning of the victims of the terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 7, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 197

- 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 had 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, on December 8, 2014, I signed Executive Order No. 168 (2014) again extending the Commission's existence until December 31, 2015, in order to continue to support the implementation of its recommendations and to engage in other related matters; 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, on November 12, 2014, the Commission submitted a report to the Governor finding that Atlantic City faces an economic and budgetary crisis and recommended that Atlantic City make immediate reforms to property taxation, pension payments, and municipal services in order to rectify its financial condition; 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, and to work towards the implementa-

tion of its most recent recommendations concerning Atlantic City's economic and budgetary crisis;

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, 145, and 168 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, 2016, 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 18, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 198

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 3 (2010) created a Red Tape Review Group ("Review Group") to undertake a review of certain rules, regulations, and processes that impacted New Jersey's economy in order to assess their effects on New Jersey's economy and to determine whether their burdens on business and workers outweigh their intended benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Review Group recommended a series of executive policy changes and legislative proposals designed to achieve a better balance between appropriate regulation and nurturing free enterprise; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of my 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 dialogue between the Governor's Office and members of the business community and the public on rules, regulations, legislation, Executive Orders, and other administrative processes that could act as impediments to economic growth, job creation, and investment in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in performing its work, the Review Commission has solicited public input from regulated entities, business associations, businesses and non-profits, and private citizens that have informed the Administration's recognition that the elimination of unworkable, overly-proscriptive, costly, and ill-advised rules and regulations can improve New Jersey's regulatory process and promote job creation, job retention, economic growth, and investment in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the Review Group and Review Commission have led to a myriad of regulatory and legislative changes that have improved New Jersey's business and regulatory environment; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 41 was extended pursuant to Executive Order No. 155 (2014) until December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in view of the Review Commission's positive contributions to New Jersey's regulatory environment, it is therefore appropriate for the Review Commission to continue its work for an additional period so it may further contribute 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. Executive Order No. 155 is hereby superseded and Paragraph 11 of Executive Order No. 41 is amended to provide that the Review Commission shall continue in existence until December 31, 2017.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 18, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 199

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Trooper Eli McCarson was born in Washington Township, New Jersey, and lived in Blackwood, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Trooper McCarson joined the New Jersey State Police as a graduate of the 155th Class of the New Jersey State Police Academy on February 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Trooper McCarson was initially assigned to Port Norris Station, and then to Woodstown Station; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2015, Trooper McCarson tragically passed away following a motor vehicle accident that occurred while he was on duty and responding to an incident; and

WHEREAS, Trooper McCarson was a loving and devoted husband, son, and brother, whose memory will live in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow members of the New Jersey State Police; and

WHEREAS, Trooper McCarson served his State with courage, professionalism, and commitment to the finest ideals and traditions of the New Jersey State Police; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Trooper McCarson, and we extend our sincerest sympathy to his family, friends, and fellow members of the New Jersey State Police; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark Trooper McCarson's passing and to honor his memory;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Wednesday, December 23, 2015 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal hero, New Jersey State Trooper Eli McCarson, Badge 7775.

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 Trooper Eli McCarson.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 18, 2015.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 200

WHEREAS, Port Authority Police Officer Eamonn J. Mautone was raised and resided in Jackson Township, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mautone earned a Bachelor's Degree in History from Kean University; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mautone joined the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department as a graduate of the 113th Class of the Port Authority Police Academy on August 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mautone was assigned to the World Trade Center Command; and

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2015, Officer Mautone tragically passed away following a motor vehicle accident in inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mautone was a loving son, and brother, whose memory will live in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow members of the Port Authority Police; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mautone served his State and the State of New York with courage, professionalism, and commitment to the finest ideals and traditions of the Port Authority Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Officer Mautone, and we extend our sincerest sympathy to his family, friends, and fellow members of the Port Authority Police; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark Officer Mautone's passing and to honor his memory;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Saturday, January 2, 2016 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal hero, Port Authority Police Officer Eamonn J. Mautone, Badge No. 47819.

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 Port Authority Police Officer Eamonn J. Mautone.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 31, 2015.