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TRENTON – Governor Mikie Sherrill today signed Executive Order No. 21, ordering U.S. and New Jersey flags to fly at half-staff on Friday, July 17, 2026, in recognition and in mourning of Firefighter Robert W. Reider, III. Firefighter Reider passed away on Friday, July 10, 2026, from injuries sustained while responding to a fire call on June 27, 2026. A volunteer firefighter with the Malaga Fire Company, Firefighter Reider joined the department as a junior firefighter at just 16 years old and served his community with professionalism and bravery.

“Robert Reider answered the call to serve his community from a young age, demonstrating remarkable courage, selflessness, and dedication as a volunteer firefighter,” **said Governor Sherrill**. “His sacrifice is a solemn reminder of the risks our first responders take every day to keep New Jerseyans safe. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and fellow members of the Malaga Fire Company.”

For a copy of Executive Order No. 21, click [here](#).

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