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## Governor Chris Christie Orders Flags Lowered to Half-Staff in Honor of Fallen Military Serviceman

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**Trenton, NJ** – Yesterday, Governor Chris Christie signed the following Executive Order:

**Executive Order No. 84** - Ordering all State buildings to fly flags at half-staff on Thursday, January 12, 2012 to honor the service and sacrifice of United States Army Specialist Ronald H. Wildrick, Jr., who was raised in Byram Township, Sussex County, and graduated from Lenape Valley Regional High School in 2000. Specialist Wildrick lost his life serving on active duty in Kunar Province, Afghanistan while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Ronald H. Wildrick, Jr. grew up in Byram Township, New Jersey and graduated from Lenape Valley Regional High School in Stanhope, NJ in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick was assigned to A Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick also served in the U.S. Army Continental Color Guards; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick was an honorable and courageous young man who loved his country and the military; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick has received some of our nation's highest military honors, including the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Basic Parachutist Badge. Posthumously he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, NATO Medal, and Combat Infantryman Badge; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick tragically lost his life while heroically and selflessly serving his country in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick was a brave and dedicated soldier as well as a loving son, brother, husband and father whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick's heroism, patriotism, and service to his country make it appropriate and fitting for the



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