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EXECUTIVE ORDERS

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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 51

WHEREAS, This administration is committed to practices that adhere to the highest ethical standards, promote transparency in State activities, and enhance public trust in government; and

WHEREAS, As Governor, I am authorized to make appointments to a wide variety of State boards, authorities, commissions, councils, committees, and other public bodies having responsibilities relating to virtually every area of public policy; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of New Jersey derive significant benefits from the important public service provided by individuals who serve as appointed, often unpaid, members of such State boards, authorities, and commissions; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Appointments Office plays an integral role in the administrative and candidate-selection functions that are essential to the efficient and effective operation of the appointments process; and

WHEREAS, Appointments to State boards, authorities, and commissions should be undertaken in an inclusive manner designed to encourage diversity among applicants as well as broad public knowledge of, and participation in, available appointments opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Executive Order No. 37, a "Talent Bank" is being compiled by the Appointments Office to further this administration's policy of actively seeking candidates for membership on State authority boards from all sectors, including academia, business, and labor; and

WHEREAS, A fair and inclusive process for the appointment of qualified individuals to State boards, authorities, and commissions will contribute to maintaining the highest ethical standards and enhancing public trust in government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 Appointments Office, in cooperation with the Office of Information Technology, shall establish and maintain an interactive electronic database containing, to the extent practicable, detailed information regarding the mission and membership of the various active State boards, authorities, commissions, and other public bodies to which the Governor is authorized by law to make appointments (hereinafter referred to as "State boards"). The database shall be updated periodically, in a timely manner, and shall be readily accessible to the public via the Internet, as part of the Office of the Governor's website.

2. The database shall include, for each State board, the name of the board, the legal authority pursuant to which it is established, a general statement of its purpose, and a description of any special requirements that govern appointments thereto, along with any other useful information as determined by the Appointments Office.

3. The database also shall include a listing of the current membership of each State board and shall specify any current vacancies.

4. In order to maximize the opportunities for public participation in the appointments process, the database shall include an online application form and instructions for potential applicants to submit their resumes and areas of interest to the Appointments Office for consideration in filling available vacancies.

5. Each principal department to which a State board has been allocated shall cooperate fully with the Appointments Office in the implementation of this Order, including but not limited to providing updated information concerning membership and vacancies on State boards allocated to the department in a timely manner. In the case of a vacancy occurring by death, resignation, or for any reason other than the expiration of a member's term, notice shall be provided as soon as possible, but not later than 15 days after the occurrence of the vacancy. In the case of newly created entities that would constitute State boards as defined herein, the Appointments Office shall monitor their creation to ensure timely appointments of members and that new membership comports with any requirements established by the enabling statute or Executive Order.

6. This Order shall take effect 30 days from the date of its execution, although State boards and principal departments to which State boards have

been allocated are instructed to begin complying immediately with the terms of this Order to the extent possible.

Dated January 29, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 52

WHEREAS, The Governor and the Legislature often create boards, authorities, commissions, committees, and councils (hereinafter referred to as "boards") to incorporate the perspective of outside parties into governmental decision-making; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of New Jersey derive significant benefits from the important public service provided by individuals who serve as appointed, often unpaid, members of such boards; and

WHEREAS, An ongoing review of the purpose and mission of boards is necessary to determine their continued relevance and to avoid duplication of effort; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive program should be established to provide for a periodic review of boards to identify potential areas for elimination, consolidation, and/or improvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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. Each department of State Government shall, during the month of December of each calendar year, report to the Governor's Office of Appointments as to whether or not boards within its jurisdiction should be eliminated, continued, or consolidated, together with a justification for each proposed elimination, continuation, or consolidation.

2. In preparing its report, each department shall afford to each board within its jurisdiction that has a roster of current members the opportunity to comment on the need for its continued existence.

3. On or before March 15 of each calendar year, the Appointments Office, in conjunction with the Office of Governor's Counsel, shall issue a report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding Executive branch boards, together with a proposal for any legislation that may be needed to repeal or amend the authorization, duties, or composition of any board for which such action is deemed necessary.

4. Any board established by Executive Order shall terminate on the first day of the third March following its establishment, unless otherwise prescribed in its enabling Executive Order, or unless renewed by Executive Order.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated January 29, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 53

WHEREAS, Paterson Police Officer Tyron Franklin was raised in Paterson and Westwood, New Jersey, and graduated from Westwood High School, where he represented the school on the wrestling and football teams; and

WHEREAS, Officer Franklin was twenty-three years old, and a loving and devoted father of a young son, Tyron, called "T.J."; and

WHEREAS, Officer Franklin fulfilled his dream to become a police officer, and followed the example of his father, who protected the people of Paterson in a different public safety service as a fire department Captain; and

WHEREAS, Officer Franklin graduated from the Police Academy in April 2006, and served the community as a Paterson Police Officer in the Patrol Division; and

WHEREAS, Officer Franklin quickly became known among his fellow officers for his warm and friendly personality, and cultivated many close friendships among his colleagues during his time on the force; and

WHEREAS, while off-duty, Officer Franklin struggled with an armed robber, and tragically lost his life after being shot in the course of the robbery; and

WHEREAS, Officer Franklin'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, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State where he was raised and where he served so proudly as a peace officer to recognize his true commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his untimely passing, to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 the appropriate hours on February 2, 2007, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Police Officer Tyron Franklin.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated January 31, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 54

WHEREAS, The vast weight of scientific evidence compels the conclusion that global climate change is currently underway and is directly driven by the emission of greenhouse gases resulting from human activity; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has acknowledged that fundamental and accelerating changes to this planet are being caused by the use of carbon fuels and have resulted, in some cases, in dramatic changes that include increases in air and ocean temperatures, a rise in sea levels, geographic shifts in habitat of plants, animals and insects, melting glaciers and sea ice, increases in the

intensity of storms and widespread increases in temperature extremes;
and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is particularly vulnerable to the economic and environmental effects of climate change as a result of our coastal topography, coastline subsidence, and the high density of our coastal development; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has led the nation with a variety of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including a Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative that will reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants, the adoption of greenhouse gas emissions standards for new automobiles and light trucks, the implementation of renewable portfolio standards, an Energy Master Plan that will not only require 20 percent of the electricity used in the State to come from Class One renewable energy sources by the Year 2020 but that will reduce future electricity consumption by 20 percent from projected 2020 consumption levels, the adoption of comprehensive appliance and equipment energy efficiency standards, and the establishment in the Department of Treasury of the position of Director of Energy Savings that will coordinate efforts to reduce energy use by State agencies; and

WHEREAS, A coordinated and focused strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions will not only support New Jersey's economic growth by fostering new technologies for energy efficiency and independence but will spur innovation and job growth and enhance New Jersey's competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, our recognition of climate change must be accompanied by even more aggressive and substantive efforts to forestall the course of irreversible climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE, I JON S. CORZINE, 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 following statewide greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets are hereby established for New Jersey:

- a. Stabilization of greenhouse gas emissions at 1990 levels by 2020; and
- b. Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to 80% below 2006 levels by 2050.

2. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in coordination with representatives of the Board of Public Utilities, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Community Affairs, and stakeholders, shall, over the course of the next six months, evaluate policies and measures that will enable the State to achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reduction levels called for by this Order, including any additional steps that will be required if New Jersey is to exceed the 2020 stabilization target, and make specific recommendations on how to achieve the emission reduction targets and evaluate the economic benefits and costs of implementing these recommendations.

3. DEP shall further coordinate its evaluation of greenhouse gas emissions reduction policies and measures with the work of the Energy Master Plan Committee established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27F-14 and ensure that all elements of the Energy Master Plan incorporate the stabilization of State greenhouse gas emissions at 1990 levels by 2020.

4. DEP shall also develop a permanent system to monitor and report the State's greenhouse gas emission levels on an on-going basis and develop an inventory of 1990 greenhouse gas emissions in the State. DEP shall provide to the Governor and the Legislature, on an annual basis, its inventory of greenhouse gas emissions within New Jersey.

5. Every other year, DEP shall identify the rate of progress toward achieving the State's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and recommend to the Governor and the Legislature, as necessary, any additional actions that will be necessary to achieve the reduction targets.

6. Within six months from the date of this Order, the Director of Energy Savings in the Department of Treasury shall develop specific targets and implementation strategies for reducing usage by State agencies through improved energy efficiency at State facilities and by reducing the State's vehicle fleet's fuel consumption.

7. DEP and the Director of Energy Savings are authorized to call upon any department, office, division or agency of this State to supply them with the data and any other information, personnel or other assistance available to such agency as deemed necessary to discharge their duties under this Order. Each department, office, division or agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully and to furnish such assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Order. DEP and the Director of Energy Savings may consult with experts or other knowledgeable individuals in the public or private sector on any aspect of their mission.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated February 13, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No.55

WHEREAS, U.S. Marine Corporal Thomas E. Saba, of Toms River, New Jersey, was born and raised in Staten Island and graduated from Susan E. Wagner High School;

WHEREAS, Corporal Saba's parents now live in Toms River, where Corporal Saba lived prior to volunteering for military service; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Saba enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps shortly after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 as a result of his commitment to this country; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Saba served proudly in Okinawa, Japan with the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262, The Flying Tigers, a storied Marine helicopter squadron, with a distinguished history of combat and carrier operations; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Saba volunteered to extend his tour of duty after learning that The Flying Tigers squadron was being sent to Iraq, so he would be able to serve in Iraq with his unit and with his fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Saba was killed in action as a result of injuries suffered while conducting a casualty evacuation mission northwest of Bagdad, Iraq for which he had volunteered; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Saba was a committed and professional Marine and a loving son, brother, and uncle, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and his fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Saba'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 and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, February 16, 2007, in recognition and mourning of U.S. Marine Corporal Thomas E. Saba of Toms River, New Jersey.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated February 14, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 56

WHEREAS, United States Army Chief Warrant Officer John A. Quinlan was born in Morristown, New Jersey, and raised in Phoenix, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Quinlan spent many holidays and summers at the New Jersey shore, where his parents now reside; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Quinlan enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1988 shortly after graduating from high school; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Quinlan served proudly in the Marines Corps before volunteering for service in the United States Army where he was admitted into the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Program; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Quinlan attended the Army Aviation Warrant Officer Basic Course and received Initial Entry Rotary Wing training before attaining commissioned officer status as a chief warrant officer; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Quinlan served as a skilled helicopter pilot and instructor at bases in Korea and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Quinlan's deployment on behalf of his country to combat theaters numerous times, including Afghanistan on five occasions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and on two occasions in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom demonstrate how much his country relied upon him; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Quinlan's distinguished record of service flying Chinook helicopters with elite U.S. Army Aviation Special Operations groups during combat operations is testament to both his skill and courage; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Quinlan was killed while conducting operations in a time of war as a member of the United States Army's renowned 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne); and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Quinlan was a highly-decorated combat veteran who earned our nation's highest military honors, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal for Valor, three Air Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, (Saudi Arabia) Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit

Citation, Combat Action Badge, Senior Aviation Badge, and Meritorious Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Quinlan was a committed and highly trained professional soldier as well as a loving father, husband, son, grandson, brother, and uncle, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Quinlan's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, March 2, 2007, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American, U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer John A. Quinlan.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated February 27, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 57

WHEREAS, Newark Police Sergeant Tommaso Popolizio was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey, graduated from Barringer High School, and attended Rutgers, the State University; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Popolizio was thirty-three years old, and a loving and devoted husband, and father of four children, who resided with his family in Roseland, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Popolizio graduated from the 102nd Class of the Newark Police Academy in 1995, and, like two of his siblings, served and protected the people of Newark as a police officer; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Popolizio was a dedicated and respected supervisor, and known as a gentleman among his fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, During his career, Sergeant Popolizio was recognized for his bravery, and distinguished himself by chasing armed suspects, who fired at him; and by helping to save three children from a burning building, then humbly describing his efforts as simply "all in a day's work"; and

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2007, Sergeant Popolizio tragically lost his life, while driving his police vehicle in pursuit of a suspect who had escaped in a police vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Popolizio's selfless devotion to public service and his numerous acts of heroism in the protection of others make him a true role model for all New Jerseyans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State where he was raised and where he served so proudly as a peace officer to recognize his true commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his untimely passing, to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 the appropriate hours on March 9, 2007, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Sergeant Tommaso Popolizio.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated March 7, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 58

WHEREAS, Senator Richard W. Van Wagner spent almost his entire adult life committed to public service, and New Jersey is a better place today because of that commitment; and

WHEREAS, Senator Van Wagner was first elected to the New Jersey General Assembly in November 1973; and

WHEREAS, During his ten years in the Assembly, Senator Van Wagner served as Chairman of the Assembly Revenue, Finance, and Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Taxation Committee; and

WHEREAS, Following his service in the General Assembly, in 1983 he was elected to the State Senate, where he served until 1991; and

WHEREAS, Senator Van Wagner was widely regarded as an expert in taxation issues, particularly in crafting tax relief programs and, under Governor James J. Florio, worked on landmark education finance legislation, that sought to reduce the State's reliance on property taxes for the funding of public education; and also sponsored the legislation that created the New Jersey Agent Orange Commission; and

WHEREAS, Following his career in elective office, Senator Van Wagner served the State as general manager of governmental and regulatory affairs for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority; and

WHEREAS, Senator Van Wagner continued his mission to reform New Jersey's tax laws through his recent service on the New Jersey Property Tax Convention Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Senator Van Wagner was widely admired by his colleagues and loved by his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Senator Van Wagner and extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and appropriate to honor the memory and the passing of Senator Van Wagner;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 during appropriate hours on Saturday, March 10, 2007, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Senator Richard W. Van Wagner.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated March 9, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 59

WHEREAS, Alexander J. Menza, a retired New Jersey State Senator and Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, was a leader in the public life of this State, in the legal profession, and in the arts who uniquely dedicated his life to serving the common good and improving the quality of justice and the arts in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Senator Menza was a native of Newark's Ironbound section and served as a first lieutenant in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956; and

WHEREAS, He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1954 and his law degree from New York University School of Law in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Senator Menza was first elected to public office in 1967 as a member of the Hillside Township Committee, where he served for four years, including one year as Mayor in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Senator Menza was elected to the General Assembly in 1972, where he served until 1974, and was elected to the Senate in 1974, where he served until 1978; and

WHEREAS, During Senator Menza's distinguished service in the Legislature, he chaired the Mental Health Planning Committee and was widely known, in Governor Brendan J. Byrne's words, as the "voice of the voiceless" for his extraordinary efforts on behalf of the State's most defenseless citizens; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Senator Menza stood as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator; and

WHEREAS, Senator Menza taught law as an adjunct professor of law at the Seton Hall Law School beginning in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Governor Byrne subsequently appointed Senator Menza as Superior Court Judge in Union County in 1980, where he served until 1997; and

WHEREAS, As a distinguished member of the Judiciary, he was known for his dedication in crafting outstanding written opinions, of which over 80 were published, as well as his down-to-earth personal style and willingness to address complex legal problems; and

WHEREAS, Senator Menza also served as the Chair of the New Jersey Senate Task Force on Alcohol-Related Motor Vehicle Accidents and Fatalities from 1997 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Senator Menza also served on the Board of Trustees of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey beginning in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Senator Menza, in addition to these many achievements, was a true renaissance man who loved the theater and the opera and authored many plays that were produced off-Broadway; and

WHEREAS, Senator Menza was a mentor to many lawyers, public officials and artists; and

WHEREAS, Senator Menza commanded broad admiration from across the spectrum of human endeavor for his many qualities and achievements and was loved by his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Senator Menza and extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and appropriate to honor the memory and the passing of Senator Menza;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 during appropriate hours on Monday, March 19, 2007, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Senator Alexander J. Menza.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated March 15, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 60

WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant First Class Benjamin L. Sebban, of South Amboy, New Jersey, was raised in Middlesex County, attended St. Mary's School in South Amboy, and graduated from Middlesex County Vocational-Technical High School in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Sebban enlisted in the Army shortly after his graduation from Word of Life Bible College in 1998 and completed his basic training course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Advanced Individual Training as a Combat Medic at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Sebban also attended nursing training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and completed the Basic Airborne Course at Fort Bragg; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Sebban was a highly trained U.S. Army Senior Combat Medic who served his country overseas in unique and

highly specialized missions, including training Republic of Georgia medics and as a Special Forces medic in West Africa; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Sebban most recently volunteered for assignment in the 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the U.S. Army's elite 82nd Airborne Division based in Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, While stationed in Iraq, Sergeant First Class Sebban led a platoon of medics and was recognized as a tireless worker preparing his unit for the vital, exacting and dangerous mission of saving lives in combat; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Sebban died under combat conditions while serving his country in Baqubah, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Sebban has been recommended for the Silver Star in recognition of his gallantry and heroism in action and has received some of this nation's highest military honors, including the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Good Conduct Medal with one clasp, the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Combat Medical Badge, the Expert Field Medical Badge, and the Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Sebban was a committed and professional U.S. Army paratrooper and Senior Combat Medic and a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and his fellow Army paratroopers and medics; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Sabban's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, March 28, 2007, in recognition and mourning of an American hero, U.S. Army paratrooper and Senior Combat Medic Sergeant First Class Benjamin L. Sebban of Middlesex County, New Jersey.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated March 26, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 61

WHEREAS, United States Navy Commander Peter Mongilardi, Jr., of Haledon, New Jersey, was raised in Haledon; and

WHEREAS, United States Navy Commander Mongilardi served with honor and distinction as an Air Wing Commander in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, United States Navy Commander Mongilardi was killed in action while flying a A-4C Skyhawk on an armed reconnaissance mission over Thanh Hoa Province, North Vietnam, in June 1965; and

WHEREAS, United States Navy Commander Mongilardi was a courageous naval aviator who loved his family, friends, and fellow airmen and sailors; and

WHEREAS, United States Navy Commander Mongilardi was, in turn, loved by his family, friends, and fellow soldiers, who take great pride in his commitment, heroism, and achievements; and

WHEREAS, United States Navy Commander Mongilardi has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty, while fighting on behalf of his country; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey, the State where he was raised, to mark his passing, remember his family as they mourn their loss, and honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, April 11, 2007, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of United States Navy Commander Peter Mongilardi, Jr.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated April 9, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 62

WHEREAS, United States Marine Private First Class Miguel A. Marcial III, of Secaucus, New Jersey, was raised in New Jersey and attended Secaucus High School before transferring to the New Jersey National Guard College Youth Program at Ft. Dix, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Marcial volunteered for enlistment in the Marine Corps in 2005, after obtaining his high school diploma, and was trained as a field radio operator; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Marcial served proudly in the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Marcial died while serving his country in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Marcial was a committed and professional Marine and a loving son and friend, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Marcial'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 and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, April 12, 2007, in recognition and mourning of U.S. Marine Private First Class Miguel A. Marcial III of Secaucus, New Jersey.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated April 9, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 63

WHEREAS, Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Barry Lee Bush was born in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, graduated from Pottstown High School, and from Indiana College of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Special Agent Bush was fifty-two years old, and a loving and devoted husband and father of two children, who resided with his family in Forks Township, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Special Agent Bush was a good neighbor, a lover of the outdoors, and an avid Civil War enthusiast and collector; and

WHEREAS, Special Agent Bush joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1987, and was assigned to the Bureau's Newark, New Jersey, offices in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the FBI, Special Agent Bush served the public as a police officer in the Boyertown and Pottstown Police Departments; and

WHEREAS, During his long and distinguished career in law enforcement, Special Agent Bush successfully investigated many high profile, complex and dangerous crimes, including terrorism; and

WHEREAS, On April 5, 2007, Special Agent Bush tragically lost his life in the line of duty, while in pursuit of a band of suspected bank robbers in Readington, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Special Agent Bush's selfless devotion to public service and acts of heroism in the protection of others make him a true role model for all New Jerseyans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State where he served as a federal peace officer to recognize his true commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his untimely passing, to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 the appropriate hours on April 13, 2007, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Barry Lee Bush.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated April 10, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 64

WHEREAS, A major and severe weather storm, commonly referred to as a Nor'easter storm, has resulted in record amounts of rainfall and high winds over the past twenty-four hours causing significant river and tidal flooding and coastal beach erosion throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The National Weather Service is forecasting further rainfall and flooding as bodies of water crest throughout the day on April 16, 2007 and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid condition constitutes 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 which is in some parts of the State and may become in other parts of the State too large in scope to be handled by the normal municipal operating services; 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, RICHARD J. CODEY, Acting 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 presently 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 to activate those elements of the State Emergency Operations Plan as he deems necessary to further safeguard the public security, health and welfare; and to coordinate the recovery effort from this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations and the private sector.

2. I empower, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq., the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, through the police agencies under his control, to determine the control and direction of the flow of such vehicular traffic on any State Highway, municipal or county 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 that, 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.

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8. In accordance with the 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. 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 April 16, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 65

WHEREAS, The tragedy at Virginia Polytechnic and State University, in Blacksburg, Virginia, has shaken the nation and, in particular, has affected the citizens of the State of New Jersey because of the deaths of students with close ties to New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, At this time of shock, sorrow and grieving, it is important for the State to come together to mourn the students who were killed and to remember their parents, families, and friends at a time of supreme loss; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey, a State with so many connections to so many of these students, to mark their passing, remember their families as they mourn their losses and honor their memories;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities during the appropriate hours on Friday, April 20,

2007, in recognition of the lives and in mourning of the passing of the students and faculty killed at Virginia Polytechnic and State University.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated April 18, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 66

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 64, declaring a State of Emergency, was issued on April 16, 2007, because of severe flooding caused by rains beginning on April 14, 2007 and continuing until April 21, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The severity of the conditions necessitating the declaration of a State of Emergency has eased;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The State of Emergency declared in Executive Order No. 64 is terminated effective at 6:00 PM on May 1, 2007.

Dated May 1, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 67

WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Vincenzo Romeo, of Lodi, New Jersey, was born in Calabria, Italy, before emigrating to the United States at three years of age; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Romeo was raised in Fair View, graduated from Lodi High School in 2003, and attended Kean University; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Romeo volunteered for enlistment in the United States Army in 2003, and received training at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Romeo served with honor and distinction as a member of the elite Stryker Brigade Combat Team based at Fort Lewis, Washington, and was deployed twice to combat theaters in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Romeo was serving with the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division when he was killed in action during combat operations against enemy forces in Baqubah, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Romeo was a courageous soldier who loved his parents, siblings, fiancée, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Romeo was, in turn, loved by his parents, siblings, fiancée, and friends who take great pride in his commitment, heroism, and achievements; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Romeo has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty, while fighting on behalf of his country as a United States soldier in Baqubah, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Romeo has been awarded some of our nation's highest military commendations and honors; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Romeo's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and to his fellow soldiers make him a hero and a true role model for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey, the State where he was raised and educated, to mark his passing, remember his family and fiancée as they mourn their loss, and honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, May 15, 2007, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of United States Army Staff Sergeant Vincenzo Romeo.

2. Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated May 11, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 68

WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant Sameer Rateb was raised and lived in both New Jersey and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rateb played baseball as a member of the Brigantine Little League traveling team and also attended Woodbridge High School; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rateb enlisted in the United States Army in 2004 motivated by the tragic events of 9/11; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rateb served proudly in the United States Army as a member of the storied 82nd Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rateb was deployed to both Afghanistan in 2004 and to Iraq, while volunteering for re-enlistment in the United States Army in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rateb served proudly as a United States Army paratrooper; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rateb's deployment on behalf of his country to combat theaters including Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, demonstrates the depth of his commitment and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rateb perished in a combat theater during a time of war while assigned to the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rateb was a committed and highly trained professional soldier as well as a loving husband, son, brother and father, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing, remember his family as they mourn their loss, and honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, May 16, 2007 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Sameer Rateb.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated May 14, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 69

WHEREAS, Lakewood Police Officer William Preslar was raised in Lakewood, New Jersey, and graduated from Lakewood High School; and

WHEREAS, Officer Preslar was 36 years old, a loving and devoted husband, and father of two young daughters, and resided in Beachwood, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Officer Preslar fulfilled his lifelong dream to become a Lakewood police officer and graduated from the Ocean County Police Academy in May 2001; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 2001, Officer Preslar served the community in the Patrol Division of the Lakewood Police Department, and also served as a member of the Department's Special Response Team; and

WHEREAS, Officer Preslar quickly became known among his fellow officers for his warm and friendly personality and, through his loyalty, courage, and character, cultivated many close friendships among his colleagues, especially those on the Special Response Team; and

WHEREAS, On May 14, 2007, while Officer Preslar was on duty and responding to another police officer's call for assistance, he tragically lost his life in an automobile accident; and

WHEREAS, Officer Preslar'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, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State where he was raised and where he served so proudly as a police officer to recognize his true commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his untimely passing, to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 the appropriate hours on Friday, May 18, 2007, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Police Officer William Preslar.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated May 17, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 70

WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Joseph M. Weiglein of Audubon, New Jersey, attended Haviland Elementary School and graduated from Audubon High School; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Weiglein enlisted in the United States Army following his graduation from high school; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Weiglein was stationed overseas in South Korea and Kuwait and also served at military bases in Kansas, Tennessee, and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Weiglein served proudly in the United States Army as a member of the elite 10th Mountain Division; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Weiglein was killed while on combat patrol in Iibu Falris, Iraq, during a time of war as a member of the United States Army's 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Weiglein has been recommended for some of our nation's highest military honors; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Weiglein was a committed and highly trained professional soldier as well as a loving husband, son, and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Weiglein's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, June 6, 2007, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American, United States Army Staff Sergeant Joseph M. Weiglein.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 5, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 71

WHEREAS, The deaths of nine firefighters in Charleston, South Carolina, tragically mark the single largest loss of firefighters' lives in the United States since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, The deaths of these nine brave men remind us of the deadly risks and unimaginable dangers that New Jersey firefighters and first responders confront on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey firefighters, both volunteer and professional, save the lives of New Jerseyans, on a daily basis, while risking their own lives; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has, sadly, experienced the loss of firefighters' lives in the line of duty in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Only five years ago, three New Jersey firemen were tragically killed in a fire in Gloucester City while attempting to save the lives of three little girls; and

WHEREAS, The recent deaths in South Carolina are stark testament and a haunting reminder of the courage and commitment to duty that firefighters throughout New Jersey display on a daily basis in service to our families, neighbors, and friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 people of New Jersey should be encouraged to observe a moment of silence at noon on Monday, June 25, 2007 in silent recognition of the lives and in mourning of the passing of the South Carolina firefighters and of all the New Jersey firefighters who have died in the line of duty while protecting the people of the State of New Jersey.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 22, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 72

WHEREAS, Byron M. Baer, a retired New Jersey Assemblyman and State Senator, was a leader in the public life of both this country and this State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baer, throughout his life, consistently and fearlessly sought to promote justice and increase transparency in public life; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, Senator Baer traveled to Mississippi as a Freedom Rider to further civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baer, in the tradition of Gandhi, and consistent with the principles of Martin Luther King, Jr., served time in a Mississippi jail, as a Freedom Rider, reflecting his personal courage and his deep and abiding commitment to civil rights and equal justice under law; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baer represented his beloved Bergen County in the New Jersey Legislature over a period of four decades as both an Assemblyman and a Senator, beginning his service in 1966 as an aide to former Assemblyman Arnold Brown; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baer was first elected to the General Assembly in 1971 and was re-elected to that post ten times; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baer was elected to the Senate in 1993, where he served until his resignation for health reasons on September 5, 2005; and

WHEREAS, During Senator Baer's distinguished service in the Legislature, he held a variety of leadership posts; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baer, as an Assemblyman, sponsored the Open Public Meetings Act or Sunshine Law, a significant post-Watergate reform that substantially increased public access and participation in government; and

WHEREAS, In honor of Senator Baer's commitment to open government, the Open Public Meetings Act was recently renamed the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baer also helped draft and was a sponsor of New Jersey's signature Open Public Records Act in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baer also served on the Securities Regulation Commission, the Hudson Waterfront Development Commission, the

Legislative Services Commission, and the Holocaust Memorial Commission and was a past president of the National Association of Jewish Legislators; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baer tirelessly advocated on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised, and diligently worked to pass bills protecting consumers, guarding against catastrophic toxic waste disasters and safeguarding tenants' rights; and

WHEREAS, Senator Baer, in addition to these many achievements, was widely respected for his decency, his love of his family and constituents, and his commitment to do the right thing; and

WHEREAS, In the words of his successor, Senator Loretta Weinberg, Senator Baer "inspired people by actually living the principles of transparent government and civil rights"; and

WHEREAS, In the words of Governor Brendan T. Byrne, Senator Baer "was a real leader, and a real student of the Legislature and the process"; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and appropriate to remember Senator Baer and to honor his passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 during appropriate hours on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Senator Byron M. Baer.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 26, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 73

WHEREAS, United States Army Private First Class David J. Bentz, III of Newfield, Gloucester County, New Jersey, graduated from Clayton High School in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Private Bentz, who was known for his smile and determination, played soccer for his high school team; and

WHEREAS, Private Bentz enlisted in the United States Army after his graduation from high school and served in the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, Private Bentz was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving son, brother, and friend, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Private Bentz was killed in Baghdad, Iraq, during a time of war while serving as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Private Bentz has been recommended for some of our nation's highest military honors; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, June 29, 2007, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American, United States Army Private First Class David J. Bentz, III.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 27, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 74

WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant Eric L. Snell, of Hamilton, New Jersey, was raised in Hamilton, where he played baseball in Little League and the Babe Ruth League; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Snell graduated from Hamilton High School West, where he played football, ran track, and excelled as a star baseball player; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Snell was drafted out of high school in the professional draft by the Cleveland Indians; and

WHEREAS, Despite being drafted by the Indians, Sergeant Snell chose to pursue a college education, enrolling at Old Dominion University then transferring and graduating from Trenton State College (now the College of New Jersey); and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Snell subsequently volunteered for enlistment in the United States Army in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Snell served proudly in the United States Army where, in only two years, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Snell was deployed on behalf of his country, to a combat theater, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Snell was killed while conducting combat operations in a time of war in Iraq, as a member of the United States Army's 3rd Battalion, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, based in Fort Carson, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Snell has been recommended for some of our nation's highest military honors; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Snell was a committed and highly trained professional soldier as well as a loving father, son, and teammate whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers and teammates; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Snell's patriotism and dedicated service to this country and his fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, June 29, 2007, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American, United States Army Sergeant Eric L. Snell.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 27, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 75

WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant Trista L. Moretti of South Plainfield, New Jersey, graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1998, where she excelled in field hockey and track, earning nine varsity letters; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moretti volunteered for enlistment in the United States Army in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moretti served proudly in the United States Army as a signal intelligence officer and paratrooper in the United States Army's 425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moretti suffered fatal injuries on behalf of her country in an insurgent attack in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moretti served her country in a time of war with skill and courage in demanding assignments; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moretti was a committed and highly trained professional soldier as well as a loving daughter, sister, and teammate, whose memory lives in the hearts of her family, fellow soldiers, and teammates; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moretti's patriotism and dedicated service to her country and her fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember her and her family, to mark her passing, and to honor her memory;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American, United States Army Sergeant Trista L. Moretti.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 29, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 76

WHEREAS, Firefighter Stephen Dembski was a life-long resident of Ridgefield Park, a volunteer firefighter and a former Fire Chief serving the community for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Dembski followed a family tradition by joining the fire company, and served the Fire Department and the people of Ridgefield Park with exceptional courage, dedication and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Dembski was a loving husband and a devoted father of two sons; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Dembski will be remembered as an “all around great guy” and an active member in his community who served as a little league coach and was involved in many other activities; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Dembski has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life as a volunteer firefighter to help New Jersey’s citizens and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing and to honor his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 during appropriate hours on Friday, July 20, 2007 in recognition of the life and mourning of the passing of Firefighter Stephen Dembski.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated July 19, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 77

WHEREAS, United States Army Captain Maria I. Ortiz was born in Camden, New Jersey, where she lived for the first five years of her life; and

WHEREAS, Captain Ortiz’s mother and twin sister currently reside in Pennsauken, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Captain Ortiz graduated from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree, received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Puerto Rico in 1999, and subsequently earned a masters degree from the National Graduate School in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Captain Ortiz enlisted in the United States Army in 1991 and served for eight years in the enlisted corps, before obtaining her nursing degree in 1999, and joining the officer corps; and

WHEREAS, Captain Ortiz has served on behalf of her country in Honduras, South Korea, and at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, Captain Ortiz was the chief nurse of general medicine at the Kirk United States Army Health Clinic at Aberdeen Proving Ground Maryland, where she distinguished herself with her dedication and commitment to the highest standards of medical care; and

WHEREAS, Captain Ortiz was an expert military nurse, who volunteered for service in Iraq, with the 28th Combat Support Hospital, 3rd Medical Command, in order to treat wounded soldiers and civilians in a combat theater; and

WHEREAS, Captain Ortiz died as a result of wounds suffered while caring for others in the service of her country in Baghdad, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Captain Ortiz has received some of our nation's highest combat decorations, including the Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, Captain Ortiz was the exemplification of a committed and professional United States Army nurse and was a loving daughter, fiancé, and sister, whose memory lives in the hearts of her family, and her fellow soldiers and medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, Captain Ortiz's patriotism and dedicated service to her country and her fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember her and her family, to mark her passing, and to honor her memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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,

instrumentalities in New Jersey during appropriate hours on Monday, August 6, 2007, in recognition and mourning of an American hero, United States Army Captain Maria I. Ortiz.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated July 27, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 78

WHEREAS, New Jersey ranks 3rd in the nation in the number of its foreign-born residents as a percentage of the total State population; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants have historically contributed to the economic, social, and civic fabric of this State and this nation; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants face many challenges and obstacles on the path to becoming fully productive and self-sufficient members of society; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey recognizes that the successful integration of its immigrants as fully productive and self-sufficient members of society is critical to the future economic and social well-being of the State; and

WHEREAS, The federal government enacts immigration policy regarding the terms and conditions for entry and work in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The states have the responsibility for the development and implementation of policies that assist immigrants' integration into society; and

WHEREAS, A progressive and holistic approach by the State towards immigrant policy that leverages the skills and assets of its immigrants and directs State resources in accelerating immigrant integration will benefit the entire State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 established the Governor's Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel on Immigrant Policy ("Advisory Panel").

2. All public members of the Advisory Panel shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at his pleasure. The Governor shall select from among all of the members the chair of the Advisory Panel. All public members of the Advisory Panel shall serve without compensation.

3. The Advisory Panel shall consist of 27 members. The 18 public members shall be broadly representative of the following subjects and constituencies: civil rights, commerce, community-based organizations, education, faith-based organizations, immigration advocacy, labor, and service providers. The New Jersey Legislature's African-American and Latino Caucuses shall each select from their membership one member to serve on the Advisory Panel. The Attorney General, the Commissioners of Children and Families, Education, Health and Senior Services, Human Services, and Labor and Workforce Development, and the Public Advocate or their designees shall serve as ex-officio members of the Advisory Panel. Vacancies on the Advisory Panel shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

4. The Advisory Panel shall organize as soon as practicable after the appointment of a majority of its members.

5. The Advisory Panel 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 Advisory Panel deems necessary to discharge its duties under this Order. Each department, office, division or agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the Advisory Panel within the limits of its statutory authority and to furnish the Advisory Panel with such assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order. The Advisory Panel may consult with experts or other knowledgeable individuals in the public or private sector on any aspect of its mission. The Department of the Public Advocate shall provide staff support to the Advisory Panel.

6. The Advisory Panel is charged with developing recommendations for a comprehensive and strategic Statewide approach to successfully integrate the rapidly growing immigrant population in New Jersey.

7. The Advisory Panel shall develop recommendations on how the State can better prepare immigrants to become fully productive and self-sufficient members of society by addressing the need for greater access in the following areas: civil rights, citizenship status, education, employment/workforce training, fair housing, healthcare, language proficiency and other key areas as identified by the Advisory Panel.

8. The Advisory Panel shall elicit input by conducting public hearings to take testimony from individuals, community groups and other interested parties and by arranging for those who are not able to testify in person to forward their testimony by mail or by internet.

9. The Advisory Panel may report to the Governor from time to time and shall issue a final report to the Governor no later than 15 months from the date of the first organizational meeting. The final report shall include the Advisory Panel's recommendations, including whether a more permanent body is necessary for the implementation of immigrant policy in the State or whether another type of entity is more appropriate. The Advisory Panel shall expire upon the issuance of its final report.

10. Any reports of the Advisory Panel shall be provided to the Legislature and shall be made available to the public.

11. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated August 6, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 79

WHEREAS, United States Army Corporal Kareem R. Khan of Stafford, New Jersey, attended Manahawkin Elementary School and graduated from both Southern Regional Middle School and Southern Regional High School; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Khan volunteered for enlistment in the United States Army following his graduation from high school; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Khan received training at Fort Benning, Georgia, before being assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Khan served proudly in the United States Army as a member of an elite Stryker Brigade Combat Team; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Khan was killed while on combat patrol in Baqouba, Iraq, during a time of war, as a member of the United States Army's 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division. (Stryker Brigade Combat Team); and

WHEREAS, Corporal Khan has been recommended for some of our nation's highest military honors, including the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Khan was a committed and highly trained professional soldier as well as a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow soldiers; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, August 23, 2007, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American, United States Army Corporal Kareem R. Khan.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated August 13, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 80

WHEREAS, Senator Wesley L. Lance was a significant contributor in creating the modern constitutional structure and legal institutions that govern New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance served New Jersey as an Assemblyman, jurist, Senator, Senate President, and delegate to the seminal 1947 New Jersey Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance began his service to the citizens of New Jersey by teaching high school civics and coaching athletics, prior to entering Harvard Law School from which he graduated in 1935; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance was first elected to New Jersey's General Assembly in 1937, was subsequently appointed to an unexpired Senate term in 1941, and was elected to the Senate in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance resigned his position in 1943 to enlist in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance served as a sailor on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Boxer in the Pacific Theater; and

WHEREAS, following Senator Lance's service in World War II, Governor Alfred E. Driscoll appointed Senator Lance to the position of Hunterdon County Judge in 1947; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance was also elected as a delegate to New Jersey's 1947 Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance was a significant voice in the deliberations of the 1947 Constitutional Convention and substantially contributed to drafting New Jersey's modern Constitution, which has served as a model for other states; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance rejoined the New Jersey Senate in 1953 and, during his tenure as a Senator, was subsequently elected Senate President and, in that capacity, also served as Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance was a drafter and prime sponsor of the Fox-Lance Act, legislation that has substantially assisted in the redevelopment of our urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance again served with distinction as a delegate to New Jersey's 1966 Constitutional Convention and, in that capacity, assisted in the development of New Jersey's modern Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance practiced law in New Jersey for seventy years, was the attorney for Lebanon Township for more than 60 years, and provided legal advice and counsel to Hunterdon County and the State Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance's significant role in drafting New Jersey's Constitution will not be forgotten, nor will his devotion to the common good and welfare of the State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance was a trusted advisor and counsel to many citizens, lawyers, and public officials; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lance is widely recognized for his legal and legislative achievements, as well as his unique and long-standing commitment to the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Senator Lance, recognize the extent of his achievements, and extend our sincere sympathy to his sons, family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and appropriate to honor the memory and passing of Senator Wesley L. Lance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff in all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Thursday,

August 30, 2007, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Senator Wesley L. Lance.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

August 29, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 81

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Michael A. Hook, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, graduated from Altoona High School in 2001, where he played football; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Hook, has lived in Little Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, over the years with family; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Hook volunteered for enlistment in the United States Army and served in the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Hook was killed in action in Northern Iraq, during a time of war while serving as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Hook was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving son and friend, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Hook has been recommended for some of our nation's highest military honors; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 4, 2007, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American, United States Army Specialist Michael A. Hook.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated August 31, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 82

WHEREAS, United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jon T. Hicks, Jr., lived in Atco, Camden County, New Jersey, and graduated from Hammonton High School in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Hicks enlisted in the United States Marines Corps in January 2006 following his graduation; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Hicks served his country proudly at home and abroad with the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Hicks was a committed and highly trained professional soldier, as well as a loving son, grandson, and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Hicks's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Thursday, September 20, 2007, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American, United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jon T. Hicks, Jr.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated September 19, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 83

WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Jason M. Butkus was born in Arlington Heights, Illinois, and raised in West Milford, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Butkus graduated from West Milford High School, where he was a member of the track and wrestling teams; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Butkus volunteered for enlistment in the United States Army in 1995, and completed basic and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Butkus served his country proudly at home and abroad with the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; with the 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea; at Fort Wainwright, Alaska; and as a training instructor at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Butkus graduated from both the Army Airborne Course and the Army Air Assault Course and attained his goal of becoming a United States Army non-commissioned officer; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Butkus was assigned in October 2006 to A Company, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, and then deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Butkus's distinguished record of service as a United States Army infantry and noncommissioned officer in elite units

and assignments is testament to his professionalism, skill, and courage;
and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Butkus has received four Army Commendation Medals, five Army Achievement Medals, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, two Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbons, the Army Service Ribbon, three Overseas Service Ribbons, two National Defense Service Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Marksmanship Badge, the Basic Parachute Badge, the Air Assault Badge and the Senior Parachute Badge; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Butkus will be awarded some of our nation's highest military honors, such as the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge, posthumously; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Butkus was a committed and highly trained professional soldier and infantry leader as well as a loving father, son, and brother whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Butkus's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, September 24, 2007, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American, United States Staff Sergeant Jason M. Butkus.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated September 20, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 84

WHEREAS, United States Marine Corporal Terry Allen of Pennsauken, Camden County, New Jersey, graduated from Bishop Eustace Preparatory School in 2004, where he was an honor student, football player, and track star; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Allen enlisted in the United States Marine Corps while still in high school and served two tours of duty in a combat theater, while rising in the ranks; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Allen was a dedicated soldier, awaiting a scheduled promotion to Sergeant, as well as a loving son, brother, and husband, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Allen was killed in Anbar, Iraq, during a time of war, while serving as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, September 26, 2007, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American, United States Marine Corporal Terry Allen.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated September 25, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 85

WHEREAS, United States Army Corporal Luigi Marciante, Jr. was born and raised in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and graduated from Elizabeth High School in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Marciante enlisted in the United States Army and hoped to pursue a career in law enforcement when he finished his military service; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Marciante served his country proudly, at home and abroad, with the United States Army's elite 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Lewis, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Marciante was killed in the service of his country while conducting combat operations during a time of war in Muqdadiyah, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Marciante was a courageous soldier, as well as a loving, son, husband, father, brother, and friend, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow soldiers; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, September 28, 2007, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American, United States Army Corporal Luigi Marciante, Jr.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated September 26, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 86

WHEREAS, It is the public policy of this State to establish prevailing wage levels for the employees of contractors and subcontractors furnishing building services for any property or premises owned or leased by the State in order to safeguard the efficiency and general well-being of those employees and to protect them and their employers from the effects of serious and unfair competition based on low wage levels which are detrimental to efficiency and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Through the enactment on January 12, 2006, of P.L.2005, c.379, this policy was implemented in the context of the employees of contractors and subcontractors that, pursuant to a contract with the State, provide building services in certain property or premises owned or leased by the State; and

WHEREAS, This policy should also apply to those employees of contractors and subcontractors that, pursuant to contracts with lessors, providing buildings services in certain properties or premises leased to the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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. All of the definitions set forth in Section 2 of P.L.2005, c.379 (C.34:11-56.59) ("Chapter 379"), shall apply to this Order.

2. Every lease for property or premises "leased by the State," as defined in Section 2 of Chapter 379, shall contain the following terms and conditions:

a. A provision requiring the lessor to ascertain from the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development the prevailing wage rates for the performance of building services and to specify in all contracts for the performance of building services in the property or premises leased by the State what the prevailing wage rate in the locality is for each worker employed in the performance of such contracts;

b. A provision requiring the lessor to include in all contracts for the performance of building services in the property or premises leased by the

State a stipulation that the workers performing such building services shall be paid not less than the applicable prevailing wage rates as ascertained by the lessor from the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, and that the contractor shall provide to each such worker individual written notification every six months of the prevailing wage rates for each classification involved in the contractor's performance of building services;

c. A provision requiring the lessor to include in all contracts for the performance of building services in the property or premises leased by the State a statement that the contractor and any subcontractor covered under the contract shall: (i) keep accurate records showing the name, classification, and actual hourly rate of wages and any benefits paid to each worker employed by the contractor or subcontractor to perform building services in the property of premises leased by the State; (ii) preserve those records for two years after the date of payment; and (iii) make the contracts and the records available at all reasonable hours to the inspection of the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and to any other party to the lease;

d. A provision requiring the lessor to include in all contracts for the performance of building services in the property or premises leased by the State a stipulation that the contractor and any subcontractor covered under the contract shall provide to the lessor on a biannual basis (no later than January 15 and July 15 of each year) a sworn certification, under penalty of perjury, that during the preceding six-month period the workers performing such building services were paid not less than the applicable prevailing wage rates as ascertained by the lessor from the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and that these workers were provided with individual written notification of the prevailing wage rates for each classification involved in the contractor's performance of building services;

e. A provision requiring the lessor to provide to the State no later than January 31 and July 31 of each year a copy of the sworn certification required pursuant to Paragraph 2(d) above;

f. A provision stating that, if the State has not received a copy of the sworn certification required to be provided in accordance with Paragraph 2(e) above within 30 days of the due date under Paragraph 2(e), the State has the right to withhold up to 15% of the rent until the State receives the copy of the sworn certification and to take other action it deems appropriate to enforce this Order; and

g. A provision stating that if the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development determines that a contractor's certification pursuant to paragraph (d) is false and that the contractor has failed to pay its

employees the prevailing wage rates required by this Order, the Commissioner may formally request that the State leasing agency effect a rent abatement of no less than the amount of wages due to said employees and to take other action it deems appropriate to enforce this Order. The State leasing agency may take unilateral action without such written request in the case of a written decision by the Division of Wage and Hour Compliance finding a prevailing wage violation following the contractor's opportunity to be heard before the Director of the Division of Wage and Hour Compliance. If the contractor disagrees with the written decision of the Division of Wage and Hour Compliance, the contractor may appeal the decision to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

3. This Order shall take effect 30 days after its execution and shall apply to all leases entered into by the State after that date.

Dated September 27, 2007

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 87

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey has made great strides in the last 20 years in providing community based transportation services to its seniors, persons with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged populations; and

WHEREAS, Having access to employment, health care, education, and other community services and amenities is critical to the quality of life of transportation-disadvantaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, Enhancing access to transportation will improve mobility, employment opportunities, and availability of community services to citizens who are transportation-disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, Both State and federal government have allocated millions of dollars to fund human service transportation programs through a variety of agencies within this State; and

WHEREAS, Federal law now requires that human service transportation projects selected for certain federal funding be derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit human services transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, At the federal level this coordination activity is centered around the United We Ride Initiative; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to both identify additional resources as yet untapped or underutilized and maximize the benefit of the State's monetary resources currently earmarked for human service transportation programs through the creation of strategies that efficiently and effectively deliver services and centralize the management of information and resources; and

WHEREAS, The quality of decision making in these matters can be enhanced by providing a forum that brings together input and insight from the participating agencies, the providers, and the consumers of these transportation services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 established in the Department of Human Services the New Jersey Council on Access and Mobility (the "Council").

2. The Council shall be composed of four public members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor, one selected from each of the following communities: physically challenged individuals, seniors, individuals with developmental disabilities or mental health challenges, and low income individuals. The public members shall serve without compensation. In addition, the following individuals shall serve on the Council in an ex officio capacity and may appoint a designee to serve in his or her place: the Commissioners of Children and Families, Community Affairs, Education, Health and Senior Services, Human Services, Labor and Workforce Development, and Transportation, the State Treasurer, the Adjutant General, and the Executive Director of New Jersey Transit Corporation.

3. The Governor shall designate a chairman and vice chairman of the Council from among its members.

4. The Council is authorized to call upon any department, office, or agency of State government to provide such information, personnel, and assistance as deemed necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order. Each department, office, and agency of State government is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the Council and to furnish it with such information, personnel, and assistance as is necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Order.

5. The Council shall inventory existing State and federal transportation funding sources used for transportation services within the various departments and agencies in the State, study ways to improve coordination of resources, and make recommendations for improving services and programs.

6. The Council shall participate in the Federal United We Ride Program and coordinate activities with the Federal Council on Access and Mobility.

7. The Council shall meet no less than four times a year. The Council shall establish an appropriate number of subcommittees which may be composed of staff from a department or agency identified in paragraph 2 and representatives of consumers served by that department or agency. Such subcommittees shall meet monthly and report to the Council on a quarterly basis. All Council progress will be documented in written reports. By December 31st of each year of the Council's existence, the Council shall make a report of its activities, findings, and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.

8. The Council shall expire on January 1, 2010.

9. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated October 26, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 88

WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant John D. Linde was born in Secaucus, New Jersey and lived in Weehawken, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Linde volunteered for enlistment in the United States Army, after his graduation from Union Hill High School, Union City, New Jersey, where he starred as a wrestler; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Linde volunteered for re-enlistment in the United States Army following the September 11, 2001 attacks on this country; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Linde served with distinction as a proud member of the United States Army's famed 10th Mountain Division in Fort Drum, New York, and in dangerous and demanding overseas assignments in Korea, Bosnia, and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Linde was a veteran soldier and an experienced non-commissioned officer; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Linde consistently demonstrated the finest values of the United States military, while leading the many soldiers who served under his command with honor, courage, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Linde has earned some of our nation's highest military honors, including the Purple Heart, Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Linde was killed in the vicinity of Kirkuk, Iraq, during a time of war while serving as a member of the United States Army's 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Linde was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving husband, father, son, brother, son-in-law, and friend, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Linde's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the

State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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, November 28, 2007, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American, United States Army Staff Sergeant John D. Linde.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated November 26, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 89

WHEREAS, United States Air Force Captain Stephen A. Rusch of Lambertville, New Jersey, was raised in West Amwell, New Jersey, a region of our State where his family has deep roots; and

WHEREAS, Captain Rusch graduated from the Hun School in Princeton, New Jersey, in 1961, and went on to serve with honor and distinction as an United States Air Force aviator and commissioned officer; and

WHEREAS, Captain Rusch was killed in action in the service of his country while conducting an armed mission in an F-4E Phantom Skyhawk in Salavan Province, Laos, on March 7, 1972; and

WHEREAS, Captain Rusch set a high standard of military excellence that lives on today in the enduring legacy of his own service and the Air Force service of his daughter; and

WHEREAS, Captain Rusch was a courageous aviator who loved his family, friends, and fellow airmen; and

WHEREAS, Captain Rusch was, in turn, loved by his family, friends, and fellow airmen, who take great pride in his commitment, heroism, and achievements; and

WHEREAS, United States Air Force Captain Rusch has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty, while fighting on behalf of his country; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey, the State where he was raised, to mark Captain Rusch's passing, remember his family as they mourn their loss, and honor his memory;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Friday, November 30, 2007, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of United States Air Force Captain Stephen A. Rusch.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated November 29, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 90

WHEREAS, United States Representative Joseph George Minish was a recognized leader in the organized labor movement, in more than two decades of public office, and in serving the constituents of New Jersey's 11th Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, Representative Minish was the son of a Pennsylvania coal miner who moved to New Jersey after serving in the United States Army from 1945 to 1946; and

WHEREAS, Thereafter he spent his entire career serving working men and women through his participation in the labor movement; and

WHEREAS, He assumed leadership positions in the labor movement serving as Executive Secretary of Essex-West Hudson Council, Congress of Industrial Organizations, from 1954 to 1960 and Executive Director, Essex-West Industrial Union Council, AFL-CIO, from 1960-1962; and

WHEREAS, He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1962 and was a member of Congress until 1984; and

WHEREAS, During his time in Congress, he addressed many difficult issues, including profiteering by defense contractors, price gouging by natural gas companies, and speculating by land developers; and

WHEREAS, Representative Minish fought for truth-in-lending laws and advocated for food safety reforms; and

WHEREAS, He was known by his constituents as “one of the good guys in politics,” a “regular guy who became a congressman”; and

WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Representative Minish and extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and appropriate to honor the memory and the passing of Representative Minish;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 during appropriate hours on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, in recognition and mourning of the passing of U.S. Representative Joseph George Minish.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 3, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 91

WHEREAS, On April 6, 2007, the State of New Jersey established the Governor's Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel on Immigrant Policy (hereinafter referred to as "Advisory Panel") by Executive Order No. 78 (2007) to develop recommendations for a comprehensive and strategic Statewide approach to successfully integrating New Jersey's rapidly growing immigrant population into the life of this State; and

WHEREAS, The Advisory Panel's deliberations would benefit from the designation of eight additional members;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 Governor's Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel on Immigrant Policy ("Advisory Panel") shall continue in existence as provided in Executive Order No. 78.

2. The membership of the Advisory Panel shall be modified to consist of thirty-five (35) members of whom twenty-six (26) shall be public members appointed by the Governor. The 26 public members shall be broadly representative of the following subjects and constituencies: civil rights, commerce, community-based organizations, education, faith-based organizations, immigration advocacy, labor, and service providers.

3. All other provisions of Executive Order No. 78 which are not inconsistent with this Order shall remain in full force and effect.

4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 10, 2007.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 92

WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant Eric J. Hernandez was born in Newburgh, New York, and raised in West Milford, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hernandez attended Macopin Middle School and West Milford High School, before receiving his high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hernandez was an avid outdoorsman with a passion for hiking, camping, archery, and shooting; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hernandez volunteered for enlistment in the military in October 2003, and served two tours of duty in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hernandez also served with the New Jersey National Guard, 2-113th Infantry Battalion, based in Riverdale, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, During his military career, Sergeant Hernandez rose, in a short time, to the rank of a non-commissioned officer, and exemplified the finest qualities of a professional soldier; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Hernandez served with distinction and pride as a member of the United States Army's elite 101st Airborne Division, where he was a crack marksman; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hernandez was planning a career in public service as a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hernandez was killed in the vicinity of Bayji, Iraq, in the service of his country, during a time of war, while a member of the United States Army's 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hernandez has received some of our nation's highest military honors, including the Combat Infantry Badge, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Expert Infantry Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and Weapons Qualification, M4 Expert; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hernandez was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow soldiers; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 14, 2007, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Sergeant Eric J. Hernandez.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 13, 2007.

