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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 219

- WHEREAS, the abuse of opioids and other controlled dangerous substances is one of the greatest challenges facing this State; and
- WHEREAS, between 2014 and 2015, drug-overdose deaths increased by nearly 22 percent in this State, with nearly 1,600 people losing their lives to narcotics in New Jersey alone in 2015; and
- WHEREAS, nationally, it is estimated that an American dies every 19 minutes from an overdose of heroin or prescription opioids; and
- WHEREAS, one cause of this increasing crisis is the overabundance of prescription opioids, with evidence showing that four out of five new heroin users began their addiction by misusing prescription pain killers; and
- WHEREAS, current regulations permit medical providers to prescribe up to 30 days of powerful narcotics to their patients without the need specifically to evaluate whether a shorter prescription would be sufficient, or the need to explain to the patient the severe dangers involved with prescription opioids and substance abuse; and
- WHEREAS, there is evidence indicating that addiction to opioid medication can occur within days of first use; and
- WHEREAS, an estimated 20% of adolescents with currently prescribed opioid medications report using those medications intentionally to get high or increase the effects of alcohol or other drugs; and
- WHEREAS, the indiscriminate over-prescribing of addictive controlled dangerous substances by certain medical providers is contributing to the increasing crisis, and the Attorney General has pursued, and will continue to pursue, actions against doctors who have improperly prescribed opioids; and
- WHEREAS, another cause of this crisis is the early use by children of controlled dangerous substances and other illicit substances, with evidence showing that if a child tries any drug by the age of 13, he or she has a 70% probability of developing an addiction by the age of 20; and
- WHEREAS, there are currently barriers in our State for those afflicted by addiction to seek the treatment and help that they need; and
- WHEREAS, as one example, due to licensing barriers certain kinds of substance abuse treatment facilities providing services for those under the age of 18 are operating under capacity and with empty beds, while similar facilities are over capacity and with waiting lists of persons aged 18 and 19 years old; and
- WHEREAS, on October 9, 2014, I signed Executive Order No. 163, creating the Facing Addiction Task Force, which task force consists of public and private members charged with studying the many issues surrounding substance abuse and addiction and making recommendations to the Governor; and
- WHEREAS, the Facing Addiction Task Force has made great strides in developing a thorough understanding of the many issues surrounding substance abuse and control, and its many recommendations have proven valuable as the State continues to fight this epidemic; and

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WHEREAS, the severity of the crisis requires that the advisory work of the Facing Addiction Task Force be supplemented by a new body comprised of State government actors specifically empowered to perform a broad range of actions in a multi-faceted approach to stem the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, while this newly-created body prepares to execute on comprehensive methods to stem the drug abuse crisis, there are certain actions that can be taken immediately by State actors to produce positive results in the near term;

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

1. The abuse of and addiction to opioid drugs is a public health crisis in New Jersey, necessitating the marshalling of all appropriate resources to combat its harmful effects on the citizens of our State;

2. There is hereby created a “Governor’s Task Force on Drug Abuse Control” (hereinafter “the Drug Abuse Task Force”).

3. The Drug Abuse Task Force shall consist of eight (8) members, which shall consist of (i) the Attorney General, (ii) the Commissioner of the Department of Health, (iii) the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services, (iv) the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, (v) the Commissioner of the Department of Education, (vi) the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families, and (vii) the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance, each of whom shall serve ex officio and may appoint a designee, as well as (viii) a Chairperson who shall be appointed by the Governor and who shall serve at his pleasure.

4. All members of the Drug Abuse Task Force shall serve without compensation.

5. The Drug Abuse Task Force is charged with developing and executing on a comprehensive, coordinated strategy to combat the drug abuse epidemic by working with all areas of state government. The Drug Abuse Task Force shall further cooperate with local, federal, and private entities, as well as the Facing Addiction Task Force, as appropriate in carrying out its mission.

6. The Task Force shall review current statutes and regulations that present barriers to individuals suffering from addiction to receiving treatment and make recommendations to rescind or amend any such statutes or regulations to remove those barriers.

7. The Drug Abuse Task Force shall be authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this State to supply it with information, personnel, or other assistance available as the Drug Abuse Task Force deems necessary to discharge its duties under this Order. Each department, office, division, and agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the Drug Abuse Task Force within the limits of its statutory authority and to furnish the Drug Abuse Task Force with such assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order. The Drug Abuse Task Force

may consult with experts or other knowledgeable individuals in the public or private sector on any aspect of its mission.

8. The Drug Abuse Task Force shall organize and meet as soon as practicable to begin performing the charges set forth in this Order.

9. The Drug Abuse Task Force shall routinely report to the Governor on its strategic plan and activities.

10. Exercising his authority under N.J.S.A. 45:1-17(b) and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., the Attorney General is hereby directed to take all steps necessary to limit the initial prescription of opioids for acute pain. The Attorney General shall establish standards such that additional quantities of prescription pain killers may be prescribed only after further consultation with the patient and an evaluation of the need for such prescription, and such other standards as the Attorney General shall deem appropriate. The Attorney General shall coordinate with the Drug Abuse Task Force as appropriate in carrying out this mandate.

11. The Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families is instructed to take such steps as are necessary to ensure that residential substance use disorder treatment facilities and similar facilities are able to utilize their existing spaces effectively, including by taking such action as is necessary to ensure that 18 and 19 year-olds with substance abuse problems are able to take advantage of any vacancies in existing facilities wherever appropriate. The Commissioner shall coordinate with the Drug Abuse Task Force as appropriate in carrying out this mandate.

12. The Commissioner of the Department of Education is hereby directed to develop a new, comprehensive curriculum to educate children about the dangers of substance abuse. The curriculum shall be tailored to each specific grade and shall include such elements and requirements as the Commissioner deems most appropriate properly to educate New Jersey's students. The Commissioner shall coordinate with the Drug Abuse Task Force as appropriate in carrying out this mandate.

13. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated January 17, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 220

WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Superstorm Sandy ("Sandy") struck the State of New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, Sandy destroyed entire communities and caused significant damage, or complete destruction, to thousands of homes across the State; and
WHEREAS, thanks to the efforts of first responders, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, State and local governmental leaders, and all citizens of New Jersey, our State continues to recover and rebuild; and

- WHEREAS, since Sandy struck New Jersey, nonprofit organizations and volunteers have generously donated their resources, time, and talents to aid in the State's recovery; and
- WHEREAS, some nonprofit groups that are organized primarily for the construction and reconstruction of residences for persons displaced by disasters have contributed volunteers and resources to assist in New Jersey's rebuilding; and
- WHEREAS, these nonprofit organizations may recruit high school students, and other minor volunteers, to assist in the repair, construction, and rebuilding of homes damaged or destroyed by Sandy; and
- WHEREAS, on October 27, 2012, in light of the dangers posed by Sandy, and pursuant to the authority provided under the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, I declared a State of Emergency; and
- WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserved the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government, and of each and every political subdivision of the State, to protect against the emergency created by Sandy; and
- WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, I declared that, due to the State of Emergency, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of my Executive Orders, or that will in any way interfere with or impede their achievement; and
- WHEREAS, on July 9, 2013, pursuant to Executive Order No. 137 (2013), I ordered that for the remainder of 2013, minors between fourteen and seventeen years of age would be permitted to work as volunteers for nonprofit organizations engaged in housing construction, provided that all other provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:2-21.17d, and any other applicable law, rule, or regulation concerning the employment and protection of minors remained in full force and effect; and
- WHEREAS, on December 27, 2013, pursuant to Executive Order No. 144 (2013), I ordered that through, and including, December 31, 2014, minors between fourteen and seventeen years of age would continue to be permitted to work as volunteers for nonprofit organizations engaged in housing construction, subject to the same conditions as set forth in Executive Order No. 137 (2013); and
- WHEREAS, on December 8, 2014, pursuant to Executive Order No. 169 (2014), I again extended an order that minors between fourteen and seventeen years of age would continue to be permitted to work as volunteers for nonprofit organizations engaged in housing construction, though, and including, December 31, 2016, subject to the same conditions as set forth in Executive Order No. 137 (2013); and
- WHEREAS, since I signed Executive Order No. 137 (2013), more than 4,000 volunteers between fourteen and seventeen years of age have performed repair and

construction work on Sandy-damaged homes in coordination with various non-profit organizations, to the benefit of many New Jerseyans; and
WHEREAS, continuing to permit available volunteers between fourteen and seventeen years of age to engage in such repair and construction work, while maintaining all other safeguards that protect minors engaged in construction, will help New Jerseyans return to their homes;

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

1. Minors between fourteen and seventeen years of age shall continue to be permitted to work as volunteers for nonprofit organizations engaged in housing construction through, and including, January 16, 2018, provided that all other provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:2-21.17d, and any other applicable law, rule, or regulation concerning the employment and protection of minors, shall remain in full force and effect.

2. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall take all appropriate steps to effectuate this Order.

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

4. All other provisions of Executive Order No. 137 (2013), Executive Order No. 144 (2013), and Executive Order No. 169 (2014) which are not inconsistent with this Order shall remain in full force and effect.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Date March 2, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 221

WHEREAS, beginning in the evening on Monday, March 13, 2017, and continuing through the evening of Tuesday, March 14, 2017, the State of New Jersey is expected to experience a major winter storm causing severe weather conditions throughout the State, including blizzard conditions in a substantial portion of the State; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued Winter Storm Warnings throughout the State, Blizzard Warnings for much of northern and eastern New Jersey, and a Coastal Flood Warning for the New Jersey Coast from Middlesex to Cumberland Counties; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is expected to produce significant snow accumulations, strong winds gusting up to 60 miles per hour, and freezing tem-

peratures across the State, along with widespread minor to moderate coastal flooding, particularly during the high tide cycle on March 14; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm is predicted to produce hazardous travel conditions and make roads impassable throughout the State due to significant amounts of heavy, blowing, and drifting snow, low visibility and whiteout conditions, with the highest impact expected from late Monday night through Tuesday afternoon; and

WHEREAS, this severe winter storm may cause downed power lines and trees, resulting in power outages, and is expected to impede the normal operation of public and private entities; and

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

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

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

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

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

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to implement the State Emergency Operations Plan and to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans as necessary, and to coordinate the preparation, response, and recovery efforts for this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

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

fare 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 and control the direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, and to prevent ingress or egress. I further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Attorney General or Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated March 13, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 222

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2010, I signed Executive Order No. 11 (2010) establishing a New Jersey Gaming, Sports, and Entertainment Advisory Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, to develop recommendations to implement a comprehensive, statewide approach concerning the needs of the State's gaming, professional sports, and entertainment industries; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2013, I signed Executive Order No. 145 (2013) again extending the Commission's existence until December 31, 2014, to con-

tinue the Commission's important role in enhancing our State's gaming, sports, and entertainment industries; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2014, I signed Executive Order No. 168 (2014) again extending the Commission's existence until December 31, 2015, in order to continue to support the implementation of its recommendations and to engage in other related matters; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2015, I signed Executive Order No. 197 (2015) further extending the Commission's existence until December 31, 2016, to maintain oversight of the Commission's recommendations concerning the economic and budgetary crisis that Atlantic City was and still is facing; and

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

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

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

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

1. Executive Orders Nos. 34, 69, 97, 136, 145, 168, and 197 are hereby superseded and Paragraph 6 of Executive Order No. 11 (2010) is amended to provide that the Commission shall not expire upon the issuance of its final report, but rather shall continue in existence until January 16, 2018, or such other date as I shall establish, in order to continue to support the implementation of its recommendations and to provide advice concerning the gaming, sports, and entertainment industries and engage in any other related matters that are referred to the Commission by me or that meet with my approval.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated March 20, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 223

WHEREAS, Judge Frederick Bernard Lacey made many valuable contributions to the State of New Jersey during his distinguished career of public service spanning more than six decades; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lacey was born in Newark and resided in Sea Girt and Glen Ridge; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, Judge Lacey joined the United States Naval Reserve and served for four years, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Commander; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lacey received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University and graduated from Cornell Law School, practicing law in state and federal courts in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lacey served as an Assistant United States Attorney, then as the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey where he directed the prosecution of corrupt, high-profile figures in politics and organized crime; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lacey was appointed as a judge to the United States District Court of New Jersey, serving for fourteen years, and receiving special appointments to the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and as the chair of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure; and

WHEREAS, throughout New Jersey, Judge Lacey will be remembered for his knowledge, intelligence, determination, pragmatism, and tenacity; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lacey was a trusted advisor, friend, and mentor to many at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Judge Lacey, and extend our sincere sympathy to his seven children, twenty-two grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, extended family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his achievements and service to New Jersey, it is fitting and appropriate to honor the memory and passing of Judge Lacey;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Judge Frederick Bernard Lacey.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated April 17, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 224

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2017, horrific acts of terrorism were committed at an arena in Manchester, England; and

WHEREAS, the evil perpetrators of these atrocities callously took the lives of more than twenty innocent people and injured dozens of others, including many defenseless children and young people; and

WHEREAS, this act of terrorism, like the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, represents an assault on civilized people throughout the world, and must be condemned in the strongest possible terms; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that leaders in the United States, England, and other countries around the globe take decisive action to deliver justice to those responsible for this attack, and to ensure the safety of innocent people in the future; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of all the victims of the terrorist attack in Manchester, especially the children and young people, and we pause to offer our deepest sympathies to their families, friends, and loved ones; and

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

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, in recognition of the lives of and in mourning for the passing of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Manchester, England.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated May 23, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 225

WHEREAS, the Office of Information Technology (“OIT”) was established by, and granted powers through, Executive Order No. 84 (1984), Executive Order No. 87 (1998), and Executive Order No. 42 (2006); and

WHEREAS, all functions, powers, and duties from those prior executive orders were codified in OIT through the Office of Information Technology Reorganization Act of 2007, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-224 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, OIT has served an integral role in providing essential State services, developing the State’s information technology infrastructure, and working to improve the efficiency of State government; and

- WHEREAS, OIT is statutorily responsible for providing and maintaining the information technology infrastructure of the Executive Branch, including all ancillary departments and agencies of the Executive Branch; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Technology Officer (“CTO”), as the head of OIT, is required to coordinate and conduct all information technology operations in the Executive Branch, including agency technology operations; and
- WHEREAS, all Executive Branch departments and State agencies are required to cooperate fully with OIT and the CTO to ensure effective use of information technology within the Executive Branch; and
- WHEREAS, the advancements in computer technology during the past several decades have fundamentally and rapidly changed, and continue to change, how businesses and private citizens carry out their daily activities, as well as how departments and agencies conduct the business of State Government to serve the citizens of New Jersey; and
- WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Governor to define and establish the overall direction, standards, and priorities for the information technology community in the Executive Branch; and
- WHEREAS, advancements in technology present innovative opportunities to combat emerging and evolving cyber threats and enhance the delivery of public services in a manner that is efficient, secure, and responsive to citizens’ needs; and
- WHEREAS, maintaining robust cybersecurity and preventing cyberattacks against the State’s network infrastructure is critical to ensuring the safety, privacy, and confidence of the citizens of our State; and
- WHEREAS, my Administration has invested and continues to invest in upgrading OIT data centers to meet industry-grade standards for security and reliability; and
- WHEREAS, aligning the State’s core information technology infrastructure footprint through server virtualization and the consolidation of dozens of server rooms into shared, enterprise-class data centers would enhance the efficiency, security, and reliability of State data and information technology services and ensure the protection of the State’s information across the Executive Branch in a consistent and uniform manner, thereby enabling the State to better carry out its essential governmental functions and protect against cyber threats; and
- WHEREAS, modernizing the Executive Branch’s hundreds of legacy applications would eliminate obsolete code and accommodate the delivery of new online services at a pace commensurate with demand; and
- WHEREAS, the CTO has undertaken a thorough review of the State’s software development and maintenance functions and operations and has identified opportunities for decentralizing software development and maintenance functions and operations for agency-specific applications that do not serve shared business requirements across the Executive Branch; and
- WHEREAS, the CTO’s decentralization plan for software development and maintenance functions and operations, and related human resources and assets,

will enable seamless institutional connectivity between unique business requirements and the application development life cycle, which is in the best interest of the State and the constituents of the Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, the CTO's decentralization plan sets forth its conformance with the Office of Information Technology Reorganization Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-224 et seq., the State Agency Transfer Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14D-1 et seq., and the Civil Service Act, N.J.S.A. 11A:1-1 et seq., as well all other applicable state or federal requirements;

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

1. The CTO shall take any actions as are necessary and appropriate to accomplish the plan to decentralize software development and maintenance functions and operations for agency-specific applications that do not serve shared business requirements across the Executive Branch.

2. The CTO is hereby directed to undertake a thorough review of the State's information technology infrastructure, defined as computer, storage, network, and data center assets, to identify opportunities for centralizing common information technology functions and operations.

3. In carrying out this Order, the CTO shall be specifically authorized to ask department and agency heads to submit an inventory of all information technology infrastructure assets within a department's or agency's server room(s) or otherwise under the management of department or agency staff to the CTO within 30 days in a manner prescribed by the CTO. The CTO shall be authorized to transfer the ownership and management of any information technology infrastructure assets included in the aforementioned inventory submission.

4. The CTO shall be specifically authorized to ask department and agency heads to submit a roster of all staff performing information technology infrastructure functions and operations to the CTO within 30 days in a manner prescribed by the CTO.

5. The CTO shall inform the Governor of his plan for consolidating information technology infrastructure assets and functions pursuant to this Order no later than 180 days following the issuance of this Order.

6. The aforementioned recommendations from the CTO shall conform to the applicable provisions of the Office of Information Technology Reorganization Act, N.J.S.A.52:18A-224 et seq., the State Agency Transfer Act, N.J.S.A.52:14D-1 et seq., and the Civil Service Act, N.J.S.A.11A:1-1 et seq., as well any other applicable state or federal requirements.

7. The CTO shall be specifically authorized to ask department and agency heads to submit to the CTO a roster of legacy applications in need of modernization within 60 days, as well as proposals for the modernization or decommissioning of such applications within 180 days, in a manner prescribed by the CTO.

8. The CTO shall enter into Service Level Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, or such other arrangements, as well as take such other actions, as are necessary and appropriate in the judgment of the CTO, to accomplish the recommendations contained in the aforementioned report and to carry out this Order.

9. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 1, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 226

WHEREAS, Summit Police Detective Matthew Tarentino was raised and resided in Somerville, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Detective Tarentino attended Immaculate Conception School and graduated from Immaculata High School, both in Somerville; and

WHEREAS, Detective Tarentino earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications with a minor in Spanish from Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, Detective Tarentino joined the Summit Police Department in 2012, having previously served as an officer in the Rutgers Police Department and the Bound Brook Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Detective Tarentino was assigned to the Community Policing Unit, served as the Summit Police Department's D.A.R.E. Program Officer, and was posthumously promoted to the rank of Detective; and

WHEREAS, along with the Summit Police Department, Detective Tarentino was recently honored by the New Jersey Attorney General as the 2017 recipient of the Attorney General's Outstanding Community Policing Award; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2017, Detective Tarentino tragically passed away following a motor vehicle accident; and

WHEREAS, Detective Tarentino was a loving husband, father, son, and brother, whose memory will live in the hearts of his family, friends, community, and fellow members of the Summit Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Detective Tarentino served his State with courage, professionalism, and commitment to the finest ideals and traditions of the Summit Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Detective Tarentino, and we extend our sincerest sympathy to his wife, children, family, friends, and fellow members of the Summit Police Department; and

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

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, June 5, 2017, in recognition of the life of and in mourning for the passing of a brave and loyal hero, Summit Police Detective Matthew Tarentino, Badge No. 121.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 1, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 227

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, I signed legislation to amend the Administrative Procedure Act to cut red tape, streamline agency rulemaking and comment procedures, and increase transparency by requiring administrative agencies to greater employ various technologies including the Internet, listservs, and e-mail to better disseminate information to the public; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3) requires every State agency, including each of the principle departments in the Executive Branch of the State Government, and all boards, divisions, commissions, agencies, departments, councils, authorities, and offices within any such departments (hereinafter "agency"), to make available for public viewing, through publication on the agency's Internet website, and through any other means, all final agency orders, decisions, and opinions, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, transparency and accessibility of agency decisions provides accountability of State government and the entities with which it contracts for goods and services; and

WHEREAS, transparency and accessibility of agency decisions promotes consistency of administrative decision-making; and

WHEREAS, transparency and accessibility of agency decisions is in the public's interest where the decisions concern the expenditure of public money; and

WHEREAS, transparency and accessibility of agency decisions is in the public's interest where the conduct at issue concerns matters of public health, safety, and welfare;

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

1. Every agency shall ensure that all final agency orders, decisions, and opinions are properly posted on its Internet website as required by law.

2. Every agency shall post on its Internet website interim agency orders, decisions, and opinions, including, but not limited to, notices of contract violations or

sanctions, enforcement actions, and fines, where disclosure of this information is in the best interest of public health, safety, or welfare.

3. As soon as practicable, every agency shall post on its Internet website interim agency orders, decisions, and opinions that pre-date this Executive Order, including, but not limited to, notices of contract violations or sanctions, enforcement actions, and fines, where disclosure of this information is in the best interest of public health, safety, or welfare.

4. Any posting of agency orders, decisions, and opinions pursuant to this Executive Order shall be in conformance with, and not contrary to, all applicable law and other requirements, and any such postings shall redact, as appropriate, non-disclosable information.

5. The prospective posting of final or interim agency orders, decisions, and opinions shall be within one business day of the issuance of the final or interim order, decision, or opinion, or as soon as practicable.

6. A hyperlink directing users to the orders, decisions, and opinions posted on an agency's Internet website shall be placed on the agency website's homepage.

7. The Office of Information Technology shall assist agencies in implementing this Executive Order to the extent necessary and appropriate.

8. This order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 23, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 228

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Legislature has failed to fulfill its most basic constitutional obligation by failing to pass a General Appropriations Law for Fiscal Year 2018 in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 2, Paragraph 2 of the New Jersey Constitution prohibits the withdrawal of any funds from the State Treasury except for "appropriations made by law;" and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 2, Paragraph 2 of the New Jersey Constitution requires that all monies for the support of State government and for all other State purposes, as far as can be ascertained or reasonably foreseen, shall be provided for in a single General Appropriations Law covering one and the same fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:27B-20, as amended, I presented my Fiscal Year 2018 budget message to a joint session of the New Jersey Legislature on February 28, 2017, detailing my requests for a responsible and balanced State budget for Fiscal Year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the authority of the General Appropriations Law for Fiscal Year 2017 will expire at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, no General Appropriations Law will be enacted before Fiscal Year 2018 commences on July 1, 2017; and

- WHEREAS, New Jersey's constitutionally mandated budget system does not provide for partial or interim budgets, temporary spending authorizations, continuing resolutions, or other devices pursuant to which the State might lawfully continue its operations in the absence of a unitary annual General Appropriations Law; and
- WHEREAS, it is not known when a General Appropriations Law will be enacted for Fiscal Year 2018; and
- WHEREAS, the legislative prerogative over appropriations must be respected and preserved; and
- WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Constitution requires the Governor to take care that the laws of this State be faithfully executed, N.J.Const. (1947) Article V, Section 1, Paragraph 11; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey is entrusted with the responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this State, as well as the responsibility to aid in the prevention of damage, loss, or destruction of property in the event of emergency affecting the State; and
- WHEREAS, the disruption of essential State services caused by the absence of a General Appropriations Law for Fiscal Year 2018 will result in significant and irreparable harm to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State; and
- WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this State, it is necessary that the State continue to provide essential services without interruption and effectuate the cessation of services that are not essential in a safe, effective, and orderly manner; and
- WHEREAS, the Constitution and the health, safety, and welfare of the people of New Jersey require that a State budget be adopted; and
- WHEREAS, certain State employees must remain available in order to deliver services essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State and to protect against damage to and destruction of property; and
- WHEREAS, certain essential services and functions can continue only if the State is able to obligate funds for those essential services and functions; and
- WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State clearly require that measures be taken immediately to cope with the damaging conditions that would imminently arise in the absence of legal authorization to incur such obligations; and
- WHEREAS, protecting the people and the critical assets of the State of New Jersey is the highest priority for the State of New Jersey and its Governor; and
- WHEREAS, the management and control of the affairs of the State are beyond the capabilities of local authorities; and
- WHEREAS, the Constitution and Statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of the Laws of 1942, Chapter 251, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., as amended and supplemented, confer certain emergency powers upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, including the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq., do hereby DECLARE, ORDER, and DIRECT:

1. A state of emergency exists in the State of New Jersey by reason of the facts and circumstances set forth above.

2. I invoke the emergency powers conferred upon me by N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq., and all amendments and supplements thereto, and such other powers as may be conferred upon me by the Constitution and the Statutes of the State of New Jersey.

3. Until such time as there is enacted a General Appropriations Law for Fiscal Year 2018, I reserve the right to take such actions and issue such orders or directives as may be necessary to meet the various problems presented by this emergency, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this State, and to ensure the continued provision of essential State services. The exercise of these emergency powers shall, when required, be subject to future payment of the reasonable value of goods and services, subject to appropriation, and as provided by law.

4. Services and functions of State government directly related to the preservation and protection of human life and safety; the protection of property, including State property; the adoption of the State General Appropriations Law; and such functions of the Judicial Branch as determined by the Chief Justice, shall be deemed essential and shall continue without interruption during the period in which there is no General Appropriations Law for Fiscal Year 2018. More specifically, but not by way of limitation, the following services and functions of State government are hereby deemed essential:

- a. Activities required to protect life, health, safety, and property;
- b. Care of all prisoners, patients, and other residents in the care or custody of the State at correctional facilities, developmental centers, juvenile detention centers, veterans' homes, psychiatric hospitals, and State-operated residential facilities;
- c. Activities essential to ensure continued public health and safety, including, but not limited to, disease prevention and control, health maintenance, and the safe use of food, drugs, and hazardous materials;
- d. Protection of State lands, buildings, equipment, and other property owned, leased, or operated by the State;
- e. Child welfare involving the Department of Children and Families;
- f. Continuation of transportation safety functions and the protection of transport property;
- g. Environmental emergency response and enforcement;
- h. Activities necessary to preserve and protect the State's financial assets and resources;
- i. Emergency and disaster response activities;
- j. Services to process payments that can be made without a General Appropriations Law;

k. Information technology, accounting, and payroll services necessary to support essential functions as described in this Order;

l. Court-mandated activities and appearances, as required; and

m. Supervisory and oversight functions necessary to ensure the provision of essential services as described in this Order.

5. The head of each department or agency shall designate those employees whose services are considered essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of New Jersey in accordance with criteria provided by the Office of the Governor. Employees so designated shall report to work and perform such duties and responsibilities as the respective department or agency heads shall direct. In addition, such other activities and personnel as the Governor may determine to be essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of New Jersey are deemed essential for purposes of this Order.

6. The State Treasurer shall take all actions necessary to prevent the State from defaulting on any of its general obligation bonds, including the payment of principal and interest with funds in the State Treasury, and shall take all actions that are essential to protect the State's funds and investments.

7. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, I hereby authorize the Adjutant General to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who are necessary to assist the State in providing essential services during the present state of emergency. The Adjutant General may authorize the use of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. It is ordered that the statutory and regulatory provisions governing layoffs in State government, N.J.S.A. 11A:8-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 4A:8-1 et seq., are hereby suspended and of no force or effect while this Order is in effect.

9. All employees whose services are not deemed essential pursuant to this Order shall be deemed furloughed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:6-1.1 and shall be governed by the rules implementing that program, except as may be prohibited by law. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to any such employees who are necessary to implement the orderly shut down of programs and functions as provided in paragraph 16 of this Order upon the completion of such shut down, as determined and documented by the head of the department or agency.

10. The State Treasurer and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget are hereby authorized to obligate funds for the purpose of paying employees who have been designated as essential pursuant to this Order or who are necessary to implement the orderly shut down of programs and functions as provided in paragraph 16 of this Order. However, no such funds shall be disbursed except as provided by law.

11. The State Treasurer is directed to continue to make payments where such payments are required by federal law.

12. The time within which any action must be taken by a member of the public or by any State officer or agency including, but not limited to, rejection, approval, or modification of initial decisions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10 and approval or

denial of filings or other applications pursuant to Titles 17 and 17B of the Revised Statutes, in connection with the filing of any document or the transaction of any business by or with the State or its agencies, departments, divisions, commissions, or boards shall be tolled by each day on which State offices are closed for regular business. The foregoing shall not apply to: (1) the payment of any fees or taxes due and owing to the State; or (2) payments to the State under any contractual agreements.

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

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

15. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Order or shall impede or interfere with any action ordered or taken pursuant to this Order shall be subject to the penalties provided by law.

16. Each department head and the head of each agency allocated to, but independent of, a department affected by the failure to enact a General Appropriations Law for Fiscal Year 2018 is directed to begin immediately an orderly shut down of all services and functions funded through the General Appropriations Law and not deemed essential under this Order.

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

18. This Order shall remain in effect until such time as a General Appropriations Law is enacted for Fiscal Year 2018.

19. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated June 30, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 229

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2017, a United States Marine Corps plane crashed in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, fifteen United States Marines and one United States Navy Sailor lost their lives in this tragedy, namely, United States Marine Corporal Daniel I. Baldassare, Staff Sergeant Robert H. Cox, Captain Sean E. Elliott, Major Caine

M. Goyette, Gunnery Sergeant Mark A. Hopkins, Sergeant Chad E. Jenson, Gunnery Sergeant Brendan C. Johnson, Sergeant Julian M. Kevianne, Staff Sergeant Willian J. Kundra, Sergeant Talon R. Leach, Sergeant Owen J. Lennon, Sergeant Joseph J. Murray, Corporal Collin J. Schaaff, Sergeant Dietrich A. Schmieman, Staff Sergeant Joshua Snowden, and Petty Officer Second Class Ryan Lohrey; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Baldassare was raised in Colts Neck, New Jersey, graduated from Colts Neck High School in 2015, and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps that same year; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Baldassare served honorably in the 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Baldassare was a brave and dedicated Marine, and was the recipient of the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal as well as the National Service Defense Medal; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Baldassare was a loving son and brother, whose memory will live in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember Corporal Baldassare and all the victims of this terrible incident, to mark their passing, and to honor their memories;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, in recognition of the life of and in mourning for the passing of a brave and loyal United States Marine, Corporal Daniel I. Baldassare, and all the heroic servicemembers who lost their lives as a result of this tragedy.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated July 21, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 230

WHEREAS, Senator Jim Whelan was born in Philadelphia in 1948, and earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Temple University, where he was a nationally-ranked swimmer; and

WHEREAS, Senator Whelan began his extraordinary career in public service as a teenager, serving as a lifeguard with the Atlantic City Beach Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Senator Whelan was a teacher in the Atlantic City School District from 1977 to 1990, and then again from 2002 through 2014, where he helped shape the minds of Atlantic City's youth; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Senator Whelan was elected to the Atlantic City Council, and in 1989, he was elected mayor of Atlantic City, and served three consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, as mayor of Atlantic City, Senator Whelan was a tireless advocate for the City, attracting thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in development; and

WHEREAS, Senator Whelan was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly in 2005, and to the State Senate in 2007, representing Legislative District 2, which includes Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, during his years in the Legislature, Senator Whelan became especially known for his commitment to promoting tourism both in Atlantic City and across the State through his service as Chairman of the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism, and Historic Preservation Committee, and his authorship of critical legislation, including the law creating the Atlantic City Tourism District; and

WHEREAS, Senator Whelan was also known for his advocacy on behalf of New Jersey's veterans and active duty military, and notably sponsored legislation creating a program to encourage veterans to join his beloved career of teaching; and

WHEREAS, Senator Whelan was well known by his colleagues, both in the Legislature and beyond, as a man of the highest integrity and intellect, and as a respected mentor with a devotion to public service; and

WHEREAS, Senator Whelan was a loving husband and father, and he will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the passing of Senator Jim Whelan, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Thursday, September 14, 2017 in recognition and mourning of the passing of Senator Jim Whelan.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated August 25, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 231

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, unprecedented acts of terrorism were committed in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania; and
WHEREAS, these barbaric attacks took the lives of almost 3,000 innocent people, nearly 700 of whom were residents of New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, these attacks caused a tremendous loss of life, and further inflicted incalculable pain and anguish on the survivors of the attacks and the families who lost loved ones that day; and
WHEREAS, sixteen years later, many New Jerseyans continue to endure the devastating loss of a parent, spouse, child, or other loved one; and
WHEREAS, September 11, 2001 will be remembered by New Jerseyans across the State, both privately and at public remembrances and memorials, as we continue to display the patriotism and compassion that defines us as Americans and as New Jerseyans; and
WHEREAS, we remain grateful to our law enforcement officers and Armed Forces for their extraordinary sacrifices in the protection of our country and our State; and
WHEREAS, on this sixteenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, it is appropriate and fitting that this day be observed with full solemnity, in honor of the victims of the attacks;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, instrumentalities, and all public buildings during appropriate hours on Monday, September 11, 2017, in recognition and in mourning of the victims of the attacks of September 11, 2001, including those from our home State.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated September 7, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 232

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2017, a United States Navy ship, the U.S.S. John S. McCain, was involved in a collision near Singapore; and
WHEREAS, ten United States Navy sailors lost their lives in this tragedy, namely, United States Navy Petty Officer Second Class Kenneth Smith, Petty Officer First Class Kevin Bushell, Petty Officer Second Class Dustin Doyon, Petty Officer Second Class Jacob Drake, Petty Officer Second Class Timothy Eckels,

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Chief Petty Officer Charles Findley, Petty Officer Second Class John Hoagland III, Petty Officer First Class Corey Ingram, Chief Petty Officer Abraham Lopez, and Petty Officer Second Class Logan Palmer; and
WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith resided in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and graduated from Cherry Hill High School East in 2013; and
WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith served honorably in the United States 7th Fleet, and was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the Navy Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon; and
WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith was a brave and dedicated third-generation sailor, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather in the Navy; and
WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith was a loving son, whose memory will live in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow sailors; and
WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember Petty Officer Smith and all the victims of this tragedy, to mark their passing, and to honor their memories;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Saturday, September 16, 2017, in recognition of the life of and in mourning for the passing of a brave and loyal United States Navy sailor, Petty Officer Second Class Kenneth Smith, and all the heroic sailors who lost their lives as a result of this terrible incident.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated September 13, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 233

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2017, the President of the United States issued a Major Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico due to the impact of Hurricane Irma; and
WHEREAS, on September 21, 2017, the President of the United States issued a Major Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico due to the impact of Hurricane Maria; and
WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico along with the State of New Jersey are members of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact ("EMAC"), N.J.S.A. 38A:20-4, which requires New Jersey to provide assistance to any other Compact member that has suffered a disaster and requests such aid; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has declared that an emergency exists and has requested aid from New Jersey under the provisions of EMAC; and

WHEREAS, in order to respond to such requests it may be necessary to employ the resources of State, county, and local government and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid circumstances may result in the uncoordinated deployment of emergency personnel and delivery of emergency resources, and may endanger the health, safety, and resources of the citizens of New Jersey by dangerously depleting the supply of essential materials and services; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, do DECLARE AND PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency presently exists for the specific purpose of activating the Emergency Management Assistance Compact to coordinate multi-state mutual aid to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and I hereby ORDER AND DIRECT:

1. The State Director of Emergency Management shall implement the State Emergency Operations Plan and shall direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans as necessary to identify resources that are available for response to EMAC requests as authorized by and coordinated through the State Director of Emergency Management.

2. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, 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 provide a full, prompt, and effective utilization of resources to respond to requests from disaster-stricken areas and protect against this emergency.

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

4. All persons participating in a response authorized by the State Director of Emergency Management to an EMAC request shall be considered State emergency forces for the purposes of EMAC. All deployed personnel shall be under the operational direction and control of the State Director of Emergency Management for the duration of the deployment.

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

6. 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 September 29, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 234

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2017, a horrifying mass shooting was carried out at an outdoor concert in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, this atrocity took the lives of at least fifty-eight innocent people and injured over five hundred others; and

WHEREAS, countless families throughout our nation have been devastated by this shocking and senseless act of violence; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of the victims of this mass murder in Las Vegas, and we pause to offer our deepest sympathies to their families, friends, and loved ones; and

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

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Friday, October 6, 2017, in recognition of the lives of and in mourning for the passing of the victims of the mass shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated October 4, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 235

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2017, a barbaric act of terrorism was committed in Lower Manhattan, taking the lives of eight innocent people, and severely injuring several others; and

WHEREAS, among the deceased was Darren Drake, a resident of New Milford, New Jersey, who earned his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and a master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and who had previously served as the president of the New Milford School Board; and

WHEREAS, this horrific act also claimed the lives of Nicholas Cleves, a New York resident, Ann-Laure Decadt, a visitor from Belgium, as well as Diego Enrique Angelini, Ariel Erij, Hernán Ferruchi, Hernán Diego Mendoza, and Alejandro Damián Pagnucco, all of whom were visitors from Argentina; and

WHEREAS, this atrocity took place near the site of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, and serves as a grim reminder that our struggle against terrorism continues; and

WHEREAS, while we mourn the victims of this attack, we are also grateful to the members of our law enforcement agencies, and especially the New York City Police Department, whose heroic efforts helped to prevent the further loss of life in this incident; and

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

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

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, November 6, 2017, in recognition of the lives of and in mourning for the passing of the victims of the terrorist attack in New York City.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated November 3, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 236

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2017, a shocking and senseless act of violence was carried out at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas; and

WHEREAS, this atrocity took the lives of twenty-six innocent people, and injured twenty others; and

WHEREAS, this attack, horrifically perpetrated at a house of worship, has devastated the small Sutherland Springs community; and

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WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of the victims in Sutherland Springs, and we pause to offer our deepest sympathies to their families, friends, and loved ones; and

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

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, in recognition of the lives of and in mourning for the passing of the victims of the mass shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated November 13, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 237

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2017, the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (“Act”) was signed into law, thereby amending the federal Internal Revenue Code; and WHEREAS, among other various changes to the Internal Revenue Code, the Act changes the allowable deduction for State and local income, sales, and property taxes; and

WHEREAS, one practical effect of the Act is, in the future, to disallow a significant portion of the property taxes that many New Jersey homeowners had been otherwise allowed to deduct on their federal income taxes; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey law, specifically N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(e) and N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.1(f), permits taxes to be received and credited from property owners, their agents, or lienholders, even prior to the dates otherwise fixed for payment; and

WHEREAS, while some municipalities in this State are in the process of ensuring that prepayments received in 2017 are properly credited in accordance with New Jersey law, not all municipalities have committed to assisting their resident taxpayers who might desire to prepay their 2018 property taxes in 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to coordinate these activities on the local level to ensure that New Jersey residents are receiving equal treatment throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to, among other things, provide technical assistance to New Jersey’s municipalities;

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

1. The Director of the Division of Local Government Services shall immediately issue a notice to municipalities requiring them to accept payments for 2018 property taxes in calendar year 2017.
2. The notice shall require municipalities to credit those payments as received in calendar year 2017 if the payment is postmarked on or before December 31, 2017, or as required by law.
3. This order shall take effect immediately.

Dated December 27, 2017.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 238

- WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is experiencing a major winter storm causing severe weather conditions in a substantial portion of the State, including blizzard conditions in Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties; and
- WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued storm warnings for a substantial portion of the State, including Blizzard Warnings in Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties, and a Coastal Flood Advisory for the coastal areas in southern New Jersey; and
- WHEREAS, this major winter storm is expected to produce heavy snow accumulations, strong winds with gusts as high as 45 to 55 miles per hour, and coastal flooding; and
- WHEREAS, this major winter storm is expected to produce hazardous travel conditions due to significant amounts of blowing and drifting snow, low-visibility, and whiteout conditions; and
- WHEREAS, this major winter storm may cause downed power lines and trees, resulting in power outages, and is expected to impede the normal operation of public and private entities; and
- WHEREAS, these severe weather conditions may make it difficult or impossible for citizens to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and
- WHEREAS, these severe weather conditions constitute an imminent hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of the State, specifically including Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties; and
- WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled in its entirety by the normal county and municipal operating services, including in At-

lantic, Burlington, Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties, and may spread to other parts of the State; and
WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A.App.A:9-33 et seq., N.J.S.A.38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A.38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, do DECLARE AND PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists in the State, specifically including Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties, and I hereby ORDER AND DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Acting Superintendent of State Police, to implement the State Emergency Operations Plan and to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans as necessary, and to coordinate the preparation, response, and recovery efforts for this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

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

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

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

5. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the State of New Jersey

to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated January 4, 2018.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 239

WHEREAS, Brendan Thomas Byrne dedicated his life to serving the people of New Jersey, most recognizably through his two terms as Governor, and the citizens of this State shall be forever grateful for his steadfast governance and the enduring contributions he made to our State; and

WHEREAS, Governor Byrne was born in 1924 in West Orange, and graduated from West Orange High School in 1942, where he was president of his senior class and president of the debate club, exhibiting his passion for leadership and service even at a young age; and

WHEREAS, Governor Byrne postponed his college education to courageously serve his country in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, earning several medals for his bravery and distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, after being honorably discharged from the Army Air Corps as a Lieutenant, Governor Byrne graduated from Princeton University in 1949, and thereafter received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Governor Byrne began his illustrious career in New Jersey public service in 1955, when he was appointed Assistant Counsel to Governor Robert B. Meyner; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Governor Byrne was appointed Deputy Attorney General for the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, and in the following year, he was appointed Essex County Prosecutor, a position he held for two five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, in further recognition of his diverse talents, Governor Byrne was appointed President of the Board of Public Utilities in 1968; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Governor Byrne was appointed to the Superior Court of New Jersey by Governor William T. Cahill, where he served as Assignment Judge until he began his run for Governor in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Governor Byrne won the 1973 gubernatorial race by a wide margin, and during his first term, he made sweeping changes to state government, including establishing governmental spending limits; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Governor Byrne was reelected by the people of New Jersey, and during his second term, he worked to develop large-scale tourism and entertainment projects in the State, including the Meadowlands Sports Complex and the establishment of casinos in Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, also during his second term, Governor Byrne signed the Pinelands Preservation Act into law, preserving this pristine area of the State for future generations, and where a State Forest has been named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, while Governor Byrne shall be remembered for his many lasting achievements and contributions to the State, his universally recognized strong moral and ethical code will continue to serve as a shining example for all those who pursue a career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Governor Byrne was a devoted husband to his wife of 24 years, Ruth, and a loving father and grandfather, and his presence will be sorely missed by his family, his many friends, colleagues, and admirers, and by the people of New Jersey overall; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Governor Byrne, and we extend our sincerest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor and to mark the passing of Governor Byrne, an extraordinary public servant and a man of unimpeachable character, whose memory will live on for generations to come;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, January 8, 2018, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Governor Brendan T. Byrne.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated January 5, 2018.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 240

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Christopher Robateau, of the Jersey City Police Department, was a resident of Carteret, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Robateau joined the Jersey City Police Department in 1994 and served in the east district in downtown Jersey City; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his service, Lieutenant Robateau was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in October 2014; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Robateau tragically died while assisting a motorist on the New Jersey Turnpike on January 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Robateau was a loving husband and father of three, whose memory will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow members of the Jersey City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Robateau's selfless devotion to public service and the protection of others makes him a role model for all New Jerseyans; and

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WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of Lieutenant Robateau, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and fellow officers; and

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

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Thursday, January 11, 2018, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Jersey City Police Department Lieutenant Christopher Robateau.

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

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated January 10, 2018.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 241

WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant First Class Mihail Golin had been a resident of Fort Lee, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin enlisted in the Army in 2005 and served as an infantryman until volunteering to become a Green Beret, for which he completed training in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin served honorably in the United States Army as a Special Forces weapons sergeant for the Green Berets in B Company, 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, based in Fort Carson, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin was deployed by the United States Army four times, once to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and three times to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin tragically lost his life in combat on January 1, 2018 while deployed in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin was a loving son and father, who will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin was a brave and dedicated soldier, whose awards include the Purple Heart Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Valorous Unit Award,

Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Metal, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Golin's heroism and commitment to service and country make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember Sergeant Golin, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

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

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Friday, January 12, 2018, in recognition and mourning of a courageous and loyal American soldier, United States Army Sergeant First Class Mihail Golin.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated January 11, 2018.

