

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 170

WHEREAS, Cliffside Park Police Officer Stephen Petruzzello was born in Englewood, New Jersey and raised in Cliffside Park, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello graduated from Cliffside Park High School in 2011 and studied criminal justice at Bergen Community College; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello was trained at the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello was hired as a Special Police Officer in November 2014 by the Cliffside Park Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello was posthumously appointed as a Cliffside Park Police Officer with badge No. 133 by the Cliffside Park Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello was twenty-two years old, and a loving and devoted son; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello was tragically killed in the line of duty after being struck and fatally injured by an automobile while on patrol; and

WHEREAS, Officer Petruzzello's dedication to the protection and well-being of his hometown makes him a true hero to his community and to the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to recognize his commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his passing, to honor his memory, and to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss;

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

1. 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 2, 2015, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Officer Stephen Petruzzello.

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

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
31st day of December,
Two Thousand and Fourteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Kimberly M. Guadagno
Acting Governor

Attest:

/s/ Colin M. Newman
Director, Office of Legal Counsel