

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.

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GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
7<sup>th</sup> day of September,  
Two Thousand and Seventeen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Forty-Second.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ James J. DiGiulio

Chief Counsel to the Governor