EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 254

WHEREAS, Norman V. Inferrera, III, was a dedicated first-year lifeguard of the Cape May Beach Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Norman spent his summer patrolling the shores of Cape May helping visitors safely enjoy the beaches; and

WHEREAS, Norman devoted time off-duty to additional lifeguard training to better serve the community he sought to protect; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2021, Norman was 16 years old and weeks shy of starting his junior year at Phoenixville Area High School in Pennsylvania where he excelled as a student; and

WHEREAS, Norman was on duty guarding the waters of Reading Avenue Beach when his boat was hit by a wave, and he tragically passed away as a result of his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Norman's heroic legacy will live on as a namesake for scholarships on an annual basis through both the Cape May Beach Patrol and Phoenixville Area High School; and

WHEREAS, a beach in Cape May will also be named in Norman's honor; and

WHEREAS, Norman was a beloved son, brother, nephew, and cousin, whose presence will be missed by his family, his friends, his fellow members of the Cape May Beach Patrol, by his hometown community of Phoenixville, PA, and by the people of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness that we mourn Norman's sudden passing, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and fellow lifeguards; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the cherished memory of Norman, and to mark his passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, 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, August 27, 2021, in recognition and mourning of Norman V. Inferrera, III.
 - 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this $24^{\rm th}$ day of August, Two Thousand and Twenty-One, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

[seal] /s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg
Chief Counsel to the Governor