

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 218

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Police Lieutenant William G. Fearon was born in Kearny, New Jersey, graduated from Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange, New Jersey, and lived in Cedar Grove, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Fearon joined the New Jersey State Police as a graduate of the 114th Class of the New Jersey State Police Academy on September 23, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Fearon served in various positions in the New Jersey State Police throughout his distinguished twenty-two-year career, including as an Assistant Division Operations Officer and as an Assistant Station Commander; and

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2016, Lieutenant Fearon passed away following a long battle with an illness he contracted in the line of duty while responding to the World Trade Center terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Fearon was a loving and devoted husband, son, and father, whose memory will live in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow members of the New Jersey State Police; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Fearon served his State with courage, professionalism, and commitment to the finest ideals and traditions of the New Jersey State Police; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Lieutenant Fearon, and we extend our sincerest sympathy to his family, friends, and fellow members of the New Jersey State Police; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark Lieutenant Fearon'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 Saturday, December 31, 2016 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal hero, New Jersey State Police Lieutenant William G. Fearon, Badge 5147.

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 New Jersey State Police Lieutenant William G. Fearon.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
29th day of December,
Two Thousand and Sixteen, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-First.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor