

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 29

WHEREAS, United States Army Colonel John M. McHugh, born in West Caldwell, New Jersey, graduated from James Caldwell High School in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Colonel McHugh was a member of the graduating class of 1986, United States Military Academy at West Point;

WHEREAS, Colonel McHugh began his military career by attending the United States Army Aviation School at Fort Rucker, Alabama, where he graduated as a UH60 Blackhawk Helicopter pilot; and

WHEREAS, Colonel McHugh has received some of our nation's highest military honors, including the Legion of Merit Award, the Purple Heart, and two Bronze Stars; and

WHEREAS, Colonel McHugh was an ambitious and courageous man who loved his country and the military; and

WHEREAS, Colonel McHugh tragically lost his life in Kabul, Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked his convoy; and

WHEREAS, Colonel McHugh was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving son, husband, father, and grandfather whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Colonel McHugh's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, 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 Tuesday, June 1, 2010, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Colonel John M. McHugh.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
26th day of May ,
Two Thousand and Ten, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Fourth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor