

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Stanley J. Sokolowski, III graduated from Ocean Township High School in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Sokolowski spent much of his time volunteering at fire companies and first aid squads throughout his community;

WHEREAS, Specialist Sokolowski was assigned to Special Troops Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Sokolowski was an ambitious and courageous man who loved his country and the military; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Sokolowski died in Kirkuk, Iraq, during a time of war while serving as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Sokolowski was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving son and brother whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Sokolowski'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 Wednesday, June 16, 2010, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Specialist Stanley J. Sokolowski, III.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
7th day of June,  
Two Thousand and Ten, and  
of the Independence of the  
United States, the Two  
Hundred and Thirty-Fourth.

/s/ Chris Christie

[seal]

Governor

Attest:

/s/Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor