

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 61

WHEREAS, United States Army Corporal John W. Lutz, of Kearny, New Jersey, was reported missing in action during the Korean War in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Lutz was in the United States Army assigned to the 1st Ranger Infantry Company; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Lutz was last accounted for when his unit was attempting to infiltrate enemy lines near Chaun-ni, South Korea, along the Hongcheon River Valley; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Lutz was reportedly captured by enemy forces on May 19, marched north to a POW camp in Suan County, North Korea, and died of malnutrition in July 1951; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Lutz's remains have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Lutz was a courageous soldier who loved his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Lutz was, in turn, loved by his family, friends, and fellow soldiers, who take great pride in his commitment, heroism, and achievements; and

WHEREAS, United States Army Corporal Lutz made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty, while fighting on behalf of his country; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting to mark his passing, honor his memory, and remember his family as they mourn their loss;

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 Friday, April 29, 2011, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of United States Army Corporal John W. Lutz, Jr.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
27th day of April,
Two Thousand and Eleven,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor