

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 82

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Peter J. Biondi was an effective and devoted public servant, serving in the New Jersey General Assembly with distinction since 1998, in addition to having held several important elected positions at the county and local levels, including Mayor of Hillsborough Township and Somerset County Freeholder; and

WHEREAS, during his years of service in the General Assembly, Assemblyman Biondi earned a reputation as a true leader who elevated principles above partisanship, holding numerous leadership positions including Assistant Republican Leader, Deputy Conference Leader, and Republican Conference Leader, as well as serving on the Budget, Human Services, Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities, Solid Waste, and Transportation Committees; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Biondi was born in Newark, raised in Union, and later moved to Hillsborough, New Jersey, where he resided for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Biondi served his country in the United States Army reserves from 1961 until 1967; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many accomplishments in politics and the public sector, Assemblyman Biondi also distinguished himself as a servant of his community, tirelessly working to support a wide variety of organizations including, but not limited to, the Rotary Club of Hillsborough, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the New Jersey State Fire Engine Museum, the Resource Center for Women and their Families, the New Jersey State P.B.A., the March of Dimes, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Biondi began his long career of public service as an elected Hillsborough Township committee member in 1983, and later served as Hillsborough Mayor from 1986 until 1993 before being elected to the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, where he served until 1997; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 he was first elected to the New Jersey General Assembly, and thereafter was re-elected seven times including last week, when Assemblyman Biondi received the most votes of any of candidate seeking to represent District 16 in the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Biondi also was a caring and devoted family man who enjoyed spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Biondi's courage and leadership are an example for all who aspire to public service; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor the memory and mourn the passing of Assemblyman Biondi, and with deep sadness extend our sincere sympathy to his family, his many friends and admirers, and his respectful colleagues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIM GUADAGNO, Acting 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, November 16, 2011 in recognition and mourning of the passing of Assemblyman Peter J. Biondi.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
14th day of November,
Two Thousand and Eleven,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

/s/ Kim Guadagno

Acting Governor

Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor