WHEREAS, on July 20, 2012 senseless and devastating acts of violence were perpetrated at the Century 16 movie theater in Aurora, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, these horrific acts victimized numerous persons, their families, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Alex Teves was born in New Jersey and spent the first thirteen years of his life in Verona before moving to Phoenix, Arizona, and earned his master’s degree at the University of Colorado Denver, before his life was tragically taken from him; and

WHEREAS, Jacci Fry lived in Byram Township, New Jersey, and graduated from Lenape Valley Regional High School in 2007, before moving to the Denver area five months ago, and suffered injuries from the acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of all the victims of the devastating acts of violence, their families, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims, to honor their memories, and to mark their passing;

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 the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Wednesday, July 25 2012, in recognition and mourning of the passing of the victims of the shootings in Aurora, Colorado.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 23rd day of July, Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Thirty-Seventh.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor