WHEREAS, United States Marine Corporal Christopher M. Monahan Jr. was a resident of Island Heights, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Monahan graduated from Central Regional High School in Bayville in 2005 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Monahan was assigned to Combat Logistics Battalion 2, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Monahan was an honorable and courageous young man who loved his country and the Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Monahan tragically lost his life while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Monahan was a dedicated Marine as well as a loving husband, father, son, and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Monahan’s heroism, patriotism, and service to his country and his fellow Marines 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 Thursday, December 6, 2012, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Marine Corporal Christopher M. Monahan Jr.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 3rd day of December, 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