WHEREAS, the families and loved ones of the victims, the wounded, the Town of Newtown, and the State of Connecticut continue to suffer from the horrific acts of violence that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary School on Friday, December 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the lives of twenty innocent children and six dedicated educators were lost in that tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous acts of bravery by Sandy Hook Elementary School staff and first responders unquestionably saved many young lives; and

WHEREAS, all of Connecticut’s people, and indeed the people of the State of New Jersey and the world, mourn the immeasurable losses suffered by the families and loved ones of the fallen; and

WHEREAS, in times of struggle, neighbors, friends, family members, and fellow citizens unite as a community to ensure that faith, hope, and love remain the foundation of our nation;

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. All citizens of New Jersey shall reflect with a moment of silence at 9:30 A.M. on Friday, December 21, 2012, in honor of each life that was taken far too soon at Sandy Hook Elementary School.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 20th 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