WHEREAS, on May 20, 2013, a severe tornado swept through Oklahoma City, Moore, and surrounding areas in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, this natural disaster brought untold devastation to the people and communities of Oklahoma, inflicting suffering and loss to families throughout that region; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of New Jersey have experienced firsthand the impact of natural disasters, and today we stand in unity with the people of the State of Oklahoma to mourn their losses; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims of this tragedy, 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, May 22, 2013, in recognition and mourning of the disaster that struck the State of Oklahoma.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 21st day of May, Two Thousand and Thirteen, 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