

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 182

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Technician ("EMT") Hinal Patel of Piscataway, New Jersey, attended Piscataway High School and graduated from Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, EMT Patel completed her EMT training in 2012 and served her community by providing emergency medical services on behalf of the Spotswood Emergency Medical Service and the North Stelton Volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2015, EMT Patel tragically passed away in the line of duty following a motor vehicle accident while responding to an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, EMT Patel's compassion for others and commitment to her community through providing care to those in need makes her a hero and a true role model for all New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of EMT Hinal Patel, and extend our sincere sympathy to her family, friends, and fellow first responders; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember EMT Hinal Patel, to mark her passing, and to honor her 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 Friday, July 31, 2015 in recognition and mourning of EMT Hinal Patel.

2. Furthermore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:3-12, the flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at the State House during appropriate hours in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of EMT Hinal Patel.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
30th day of July,
Two Thousand and Fifteen, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Fortieth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Christopher S. Porrino

Chief Counsel to the Governor