WHEREAS, New Jersey’s law enforcement officers demonstrate remarkable courage and commitment by protecting the lives and property of the citizens of our State; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers regularly place their own personal safety at risk in order to keep our streets safe from crime and violence; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers display extraordinary professionalism and respect for the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, in the course of their duties, many law enforcement officers have been tragically killed or seriously injured; and

WHEREAS, at a time when some have unfairly criticized law enforcement, it is especially important to recognize the tremendous efforts and sacrifice made by law enforcement officers within our municipalities, counties and State, and express our heartfelt gratitude to each of them; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to recognize law enforcement officers in this State and around the country, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf;

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. That Thursday, November 5, 2015 shall be recognized as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in New Jersey, and accordingly, all citizens of this State, and all other private and public agencies and organizations are called upon to celebrate this day by appropriate observance.
2. 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, November 5, 2015, in recognition of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, and in honor of all law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 2nd day of November, Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

[seal] /s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor