

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 196

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2015, terrorists attacked a center for people with disabilities in San Bernardino, California, killing at least 14 people, and injuring many others; and

WHEREAS, this coordinated attack constitutes the deadliest act of terrorism committed on American soil since September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of those killed in this attack, namely Robert Adams, Isaac Amanios, Bennetta Betbadal, Harry Bowman, Sierra Clayborn, Juan Espinoza, Aurora Godoy, Shannon Johnson, Daniel Kaufman, Damian Meins, Tin Nguyen, Nicholas Thalasinis, Yvette Velasco, and Michael Wetzell, and we pause to offer our deepest sympathies to their families, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims, 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 New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, in recognition of the lives and in mourning of the victims of the terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
7th day of December,
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