

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 203**

WHEREAS, Port Authority Police Officer Elise Bastardo was born in Red Bank, New Jersey and was raised in Wall Township; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bastardo earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice from Rutgers University in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bastardo joined the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department as a graduate of the 113<sup>th</sup> Class of the Port Authority Police Academy, where she was a platoon leader; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bastardo was assigned to the Newark Airport Command; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2016, Officer Bastardo tragically passed away following a motor vehicle accident; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bastardo was a loving daughter, granddaughter, and sister, whose memory will be cherished by her family, friends, fellow officers, and all those fortunate to have known her; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bastardo served her State and the State of New York with professionalism and courage, and carried out her duties in accordance with the finest ideals and traditions of the Port Authority Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Officer Bastardo, and we extend our sincerest sympathies to her family, friends, and fellow members of the Port Authority Police; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark Officer Bastardo's 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 Thursday, February 18, 2016 in recognition and mourning of Port Authority Police Officer Elise Bastardo.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
17<sup>th</sup> day of February,  
Two Thousand and Sixteen,  
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