

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 207**

WHEREAS, Private Tysheena Lynette James, of Jersey City, New Jersey, enlisted in the United States Army in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Private James was deployed to Fort Hood, Texas as a motor transport operator; and

WHEREAS, Private James served honorably in the United States Army in the 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division; and

WHEREAS, Private James tragically lost her life on June 2, 2016, as a result of a training accident at Fort Hood; and

WHEREAS, Private James was a loving daughter and granddaughter, who will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Private James was a brave and dedicated soldier, whose awards include the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, along with Private James, eight other soldiers lost their lives in the same incident, namely: Staff Sergeant Miguel Angel Colonvazquez, Specialist Christine Faith Armstrong, Specialist Yingming Sun, Private First Class Brandon Austin Banner, Private First Class Zachery Nathaniel Fuller, Private Isaac Lee Deleon, Private Eddy Raelaurin Gates, and Cadet Mitchell Alexander Winey; and

WHEREAS, it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember Private James and all the victims of this terrible incident, 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 Saturday, June 11, 2016, in recognition and mourning of a courageous and loyal American soldier, United States Army Private Tysheena Lynette James, and the other soldiers who lost their lives as a result of this tragedy.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
10<sup>th</sup> day of June, Two  
Thousand and Sixteen, and  
of the Independence of the  
United States, the Two  
Hundred and Fortieth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Scott A. Coffina

Senior Deputy Chief Counsel to the Governor