WHEREAS, Marc K. Castellano, joined the New Jersey State Police as a graduate of the 136th Class of the New Jersey State Police Academy on September 24, 2004, and was a member of Troop “C” Tactical Patrol Unit; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Castellano graduated from Jackson Memorial High School in 1998, then earned an Associate Degree from Ocean County College in 2000, a Bachelor of Science Degree from Rutgers University in 2003, and a Masters Degree from Farleigh Dickinson University in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Castellano served with exceptional courage, professionalism, and commitment to the finest ideals and traditions of the New Jersey State Police; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Castellano served proudly as part of the finest State Police force in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Castellano was a loving husband, father, son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, fellow members of the New Jersey State Police and all law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Castellano has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while protecting the citizens of the State of New Jersey and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing and to honor his memory; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Trooper Castellano, and extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, children, family, friends and fellow members of the New Jersey State Police;

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 the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours for one week, commencing Tuesday, June 8, 2010, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal hero, New Jersey State Trooper Marc K. Castellano, Badge 6397.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 7th day of June, Two Thousand and Ten, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fourth.

/s/Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

/s/Jeffrey S. Chiesa
Chief Counsel to the Governor