WHEREAS, John H. Adler made many valuable contributions to the State of New Jersey during his distinguished career of public service spanning more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, former United States Representative and State Senator Adler served New Jersey as a councilman, Senator, and Congressman, holding important positions including chairman of the New Jersey Senate Judiciary Committee and as a member of the United States House Committee on Financial Services; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Adler was raised in Haddonfield and resided in Cherry Hill, most recently representing the 3rd Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Adler received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University and graduated from Harvard Law School, practicing law in state and federal courts in New Jersey and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Adler most recently served as a shareholder in the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P., specializing in corporate, commercial, and real estate litigation matters; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Adler served as a member of the New Jersey State Senate from 1992 until 2009, serving as chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee responsible for overseeing advice and consent of gubernatorial nominees; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the United States Congress, Congressman Adler was actively involved in important matters relating to Sarbanes-Oxley and financial services regulatory reform; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Adler will be remembered for his knowledge, intelligence, determination, pragmatism, and ability to bring people together; and
WHEREAS, Congressman Adler was a trusted advisor, friend, and mentor to many at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Congressman Adler, and extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, four sons, extended family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his achievements and service to New Jersey, it is fitting and appropriate to honor the memory and passing of Congressman John H. Adler;

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 on Friday, April 8, 2011, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Congressman John H. Adler.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 6th day of April, Two Thousand and Eleven, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

/s/ Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

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