WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, unprecedented terrorist attacks were launched on New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, nearly seven hundred of our residents were killed in the attacks; and

WHEREAS, these horrific attacks not only caused a tremendous loss of life, but also inflicted immense pain and anguish on those who survived the events of that day, which include hundreds of New Jersey families whose lives have been dramatically affected by the loss of a parent, spouse, child or other loved one; and

WHEREAS, many New Jerseyans, including thousands of police, fire, military, emergency and construction personnel responded to this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, as we reach the ten year anniversary of this tragic event it will be remembered by all New Jerseyans, both privately as well as in public remembrances and memorial ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this day be observed with full solemnity, in tribute to the thousands of innocent victims who perished in the attacks;

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, instrumentalities and all public buildings during appropriate hours Friday, September 9,
2011 through Sunday, September 11, 2011 in recognition and mourning of all of those lost in the September 11th attacks, and particularly, those lost from our home State.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 7th day of September, Two Thousand and Eleven, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

/s/ Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

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