

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 76

WHEREAS, Joseph S. Wargo, Jr. was raised in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, resided in Lopatcong Township, and served his community with dedication and distinction as a Police Officer in the Borough of Mount Arlington; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Officer Wargo graduated from Phillipsburg High School, where he excelled in the sport of football; and

WHEREAS, Officer Wargo began his career in law enforcement in Lebanon Borough, and served as an Officer in the Mount Arlington Police Department for over ten years; and

WHEREAS, Officer Wargo further demonstrated his commitment to the law enforcement community by serving as President of the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 78, in Mount Arlington; and

WHEREAS, Officer Wargo, a loving and devoted husband, tragically lost his life in the line of duty at the age of thirty eight, making the ultimate sacrifice while on patrol on Route 80 when his police car was struck by another vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Officer Wargo's dedication, determination, and selfless devotion to public service and the protection of others make him a hero and a true role model for all New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to recognize his true commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his untimely passing, to honor his memory, and to remember his many friends and his family as they mourn their tragic loss;

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 Wednesday, October 19, 2011, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Police Officer Joseph S. Wargo, Jr.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
17th day of October,
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