WHEREAS, United States Marine Corporal Kevin J. Reinhard grew up in Woodbridge, New Jersey and graduated from St. Joseph’s High School in Metuchen, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Reinhard attended Ramapo College and Middlesex County College and in 2008 he interrupted his studies to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Reinhard was assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Reinhard tragically lost his life while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Reinhard was a dedicated Marine as well as a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Reinhard’s patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow Marines make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

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 Monday, January 30, 2012, in recognition
and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Marine Corporal Kevin J. Reinhard.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 26th day of January, Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

/s/ Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kevin M. O’Dowd
Deputy Chief Counsel to the Governor