

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 212

WHEREAS, United States Capitol Police Officer and former New Jersey National Guard Citizen-Airman Staff Sergeant Brian D. Sicknick was born in 1978 and spent his formative years in South River, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sicknick was a graduate of the Middlesex County Vocational Technical High School in East Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sicknick enlisted in the New Jersey Air National Guard in 1997 as a traditional drilling Guard member and eventually became a Staff Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sicknick previously served as a Fire Team Member and Leader at the 108th Security Force Squadron, 108th Wing, located at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the Air National Guard, Officer Sicknick was deployed to Saudi Arabia in 1999 in support of Operation Southern Watch and Kyrgyzstan in 2003 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sicknick was honorably discharged from the Air National Guard in 2003 after six years of service; and

WHEREAS, in July 2008, Officer Sicknick became a police officer with the United States Capitol Police and most recently served in the department's First Responder's Unit; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sicknick was on duty guarding the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, in Washington, D.C., while a violent mob stormed the Capitol and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sicknick was killed in the line of duty after being physically attacked by the rioters, passing away at the age of 42; and

WHEREAS, four other individuals died during the assault on the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sicknick gave his life defending the Capitol building, our elected representatives, and our democracy from a violent insurrection that sought to disrupt the peaceful transfer of power; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sicknick was a beloved member of the New Jersey community whose presence will be immensely missed by his family, his friends, his fellow servicemembers, and by the people of New Jersey whom are grateful for his service; and

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness that we mourn Officer Sicknick's sudden passing, and extend our deepest sympathy and gratitude to his family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the character, achievements, and cherished memory of Officer Sicknick and to mark his passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, 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 11, 2021, in recognition and mourning of United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of January,  
Two Thousand and Twenty-one, and  
of the Independence of the  
United States, the Two Hundred  
and Forty-Fifth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor