Executive Order #26

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2018, a teacher and a student from Paramus’s East Brook Middle School were killed when a school bus headed to historic Waterloo Village on a field trip collided with a truck on Interstate Route 80 in Mount Olive; and

WHEREAS, 43 of 45 adults and students aboard the bus, as well as the truck driver, were rushed to local hospitals after the crash, and several remain in critical condition and are undergoing surgery; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and honor the devastating passing of Jennifer Marie Williamson-Kennedy, a veteran educator of more than 20 years in Paramus, and a fifth-grade student of East Brook Middle School who had a bright, promising future; and

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 the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, May 21, 2018, in recognition and mourning of the passing of the deceased in Mount Olive, New Jersey.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 18th day of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen and of the Independence of the United States the Two Hundred and Forty-Second.

/s/ Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin
Chief Counsel to the Governor