WHEREAS, Americans across the country are currently engaged in an extraordinary week-long series of tributes to honor the life and service of Senator John McCain, culminating with his burial at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis on Sunday, September 2; and

WHEREAS, earlier today, I signed Executive Order No. 35, ordering U.S. and New Jersey flags to be lowered on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, on what would have been Senator McCain’s 82nd birthday; and

WHEREAS, given the schedule of arrangements for Senator McCain, I believe it is appropriate that U.S. and New Jersey flags in the Garden State should be lowered throughout this mourning period and until Senator McCain is laid to rest;

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 from Tuesday, August 28, 2018, through Sunday, September 2, 2018, in recognition and mourning of an American hero, Senator John McCain.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 27th day of August, [seal] Two Thousand and Eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Forty-Third.

/s/ Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Attest:

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