

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 69

WHEREAS, United States Military Academy Cadet Christopher J. Morgan was a longtime resident of West Orange; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Morgan was a Cadet Second Lieutenant in West Orange High School's Junior Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Morgan joined the United States Military Academy Preparatory School in 2015 and received his appointment to West Point in June 2016; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Morgan was in his final year at the United States Military Academy; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Morgan was a Law and Legal Studies major, and a recruited athlete who was a member of the Army wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of Cadet Morgan's tragic passing, he was on his way to summer training; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Morgan was a beloved son, whose presence will be 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 Cadet Morgan's sudden passing, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the exemplary character, outstanding achievements, and cherished memory of Cadet Morgan, 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 Wednesday, June 12, 2019, in recognition and mourning of a courageous and loyal American soldier, Cadet Christopher J. Morgan.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
11th day of June,
Two Thousand and Nineteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States the Two
Hundred and Forty-Third.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Attest:

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