

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11

WHEREAS, Howard Bennett, age 60, of Maple Shade, was a member of the Camden Fire Department assigned to Engine 1 and Fire Boat 1; and

WHEREAS, firefighter Bennett served as a firefighter for nearly 27 years with devotion, courage, professionalism, loyalty, and commitment to the city of Camden and this State; and

WHEREAS, firefighter Bennett earned the nickname "MacGyver" for his ability to fix almost anything; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2026, firefighter Bennett passed away while conducting maintenance on a fire boat at Wiggins Park Marina on the Delaware River in Camden; and

WHEREAS, firefighter Bennett was a devoted husband, father, brother, and public servant; and

WHEREAS, firefighter Bennett will be deeply missed by his family, friends, fellow members of the Camden Fire Department, and all firefighters; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the passing of firefighter Bennett;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKIE SHERRILL, 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, February 11, 2026, in recognition and mourning of a courageous and dedicated public servant, firefighter Howard Bennett.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
10th day of February,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Six, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two Hundred
and Fiftieth.

[seal]

/s/ Mikie Sherrill

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Timothy P. Lydon

Chief Counsel to the Governor