

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 123

WHEREAS, United States Army General H. Norman Schwarzkopf was a dedicated leader, legendary commander, and military hero who led coalition forces during Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, General Schwarzkopf was born in Trenton, New Jersey on August 22, 1934, and was raised in Lawrenceville, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, General Schwarzkopf and his wife had three children, who were raised in Englishtown, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, General Schwarzkopf attended Valley Forge Military Academy, the United States Military Academy, the University of Southern California, and the United States Army War College; and

WHEREAS, General Schwarzkopf passed away in Tampa, Florida on December 27, 2012, at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, General Schwarzkopf's service to our great nation was immeasurable and included two tours of duty in Vietnam, first as a United States adviser to South Vietnamese paratroops and later as a battalion commander in the Army's Americal Division; and

WHEREAS, General Schwarzkopf earned three Silver Stars for valor, a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, and three Distinguished Service Medals for his service in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, General Schwarzkopf commanded the international coalition led by the United States that drove Saddam Hussein's forces out of Kuwait in 1991; and

WHEREAS, General Schwarzkopf retired from the Army in 1992, and later wrote a best-selling autobiography, "It Doesn't Take A Hero"; and

WHEREAS, General Schwarzkopf was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II and honored with decorations from France, Britain, Belgium, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, and Bahrain; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, General Schwarzkopf enriched the lives of people throughout New Jersey, the United States of America, and the world; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of General Schwarzkopf and extend our sincere sympathy to his family and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the achievements and contributions, to honor the memory, and to mark the passing of General Schwarzkopf;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, 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 Wednesday, January 2, 2013, in recognition and mourning of the passing of United States Army General H. Norman Schwarzkopf.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
28th day of December,
Two Thousand and Twelve, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Seventh.

{seal}

/s/Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor