

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 131

WHEREAS, United States Marine Staff Sergeant Eric Christian grew up in Poughkeepsie, New York, and Ramsey, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christian was a graduate of Ramsey High School, where he held several records in football; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christian enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served five tours of duty, including tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christian was assigned to 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christian tragically lost his life while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christian was a dedicated Marine as well as a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christian's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow Marines make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

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 New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Friday, May 10, 2013, in recognition and

mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Marine Staff Sergeant Eric Christian.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
8th day of May,
Two Thousand and Thirteen,
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