

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 181**

WHEREAS, five United States servicemen were shot and killed in an attack on two military facilities in Chattanooga, Tennessee on Thursday, July 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, this deliberate and intentional act of violence against our armed forces took the lives of five brave American heroes; and

WHEREAS, United States Marines Gunnery Sergeant Thomas Sullivan, Staff Sergeant David A. Wyatt, Sergeant Carson A. Holmquist, and Lance Corporal Squire K. Wells and United States Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith all served with honor and made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the devastating loss of the victims of this American tragedy and pause to offer our deepest sympathies to their families and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims, to honor their memories, and to mark their passing;

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 Wednesday, July 22, 2015, in recognition of the lives and in mourning of the passing of Gunnery Sergeant Thomas Sullivan, Staff Sergeant David A. Wyatt, Sergeant Carson A. Holmquist, Lance Corporal Squire K. Wells, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of July,  
Two Thousand and Fifteen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Fortieth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Christopher S. Porrino

Chief Counsel to the Governor