

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 201

WHEREAS, Justice Marie L. Garibaldi, the first woman to serve on this State's highest court, was a brilliant and fair-minded jurist who has had a profound and lasting impact on the jurisprudence of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Justice Garibaldi was a quintessential New Jerseyan, who was born in Jersey City, attended school in Hoboken, and lived in Weehawken for most of her life; and

WHEREAS, after earning her undergraduate degree from Connecticut College, Justice Garibaldi enrolled in Columbia Law School in 1956, where she was one of only twelve women in her class; and

WHEREAS, following graduation from Columbia, Justice Garibaldi worked as a lawyer for the federal government, and thereafter entered the private practice of law; and

WHEREAS, Justice Garibaldi distinguished herself as an exceptional attorney at a time when there were few women in the profession, was soon elevated to partnership at one of the State's most prestigious law firms, and later became the first woman to lead the New Jersey State Bar Association as its president; and

WHEREAS, Justice Garibaldi's superior intellect and character were recognized by Governor Thomas Kean, who, in 1982, nominated her to the Supreme Court of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, after her confirmation by the Senate, Justice Garibaldi made history by becoming the first woman to serve on this State's Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the next eighteen years, Justice Garibaldi demonstrated the highest degree of thoughtfulness and dedication and common-sense judgment as an

Associate Justice, earning the utmost admiration of members of the bench and bar alike; and

WHEREAS, Justice Garibaldi's many written opinions have had and continue to have a profound impact on the law of this State, and our system of justice has been made all the better as a result of her tireless work; and

WHEREAS, following her retirement in 2000, Justice Garibaldi continued to provide guidance to attorneys in this State, serving as a true role model even after she left the bench; and

WHEREAS, Justice Garibaldi was a proud Italian-American who embodied the ideals and spirit of those who share her heritage, and her life is a testament to the countless contributions Italian-Americans have made to our State and to our country; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Justice Garibaldi, and we extend our sincere sympathy to her family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the groundbreaking achievements, remarkable character, and cherished memory of Justice Garibaldi, and to mark her 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 Thursday, January 21, 2016, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Justice Marie L. Garibaldi.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
19th day of January,
Two Thousand and Sixteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Fortieth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor