

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 35

WHEREAS, United States Marine Major James M. Weis was raised in Toms River, New Jersey and graduated from Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, Major Weis joined the Marines in 1994 and was commissioned on March 23, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Major Weis was assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based out of Camp Pendleton, California; and

WHEREAS, Major Weis has received some of our nation's highest military honors, including a Meritorious Service Medal, two Air Medals for Individual Action, an Air Medal-Strike Flight, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and a Combat Action Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Major Weis was an ambitious and courageous man who loved his country and the military; and

WHEREAS, Major Weis tragically lost his life while heroically and selflessly serving his country in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Major Weis was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving son, husband, and father, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, Major Weis'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 Monday, August 2, 2010 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Marine Major James M. Weis.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
29th day of **July**,
Two Thousand and Ten, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

/s/Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa
Chief Counsel to the Governor