

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 36

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Carlos Javier Negrón Sr., graduated from Manuela Toro High School in Caguas, Puerto Rico in 1988, joined the U.S. Army and served for nine years before being honorably discharged and moving to Lakewood, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Negrón returned to the U.S. Army in 2008 and was assigned to the 426th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team in Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Negrón and his unit were deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Negrón has received some of our nation's highest military honors, including the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with arrowhead, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon and the NATO Medal; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Negrón was an ambitious and courageous man who loved his country and the military; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Negrón tragically lost his life while heroically and selflessly serving his country in Konar Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Negrón 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 soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Negrón's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow soldiers 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 Wednesday, August 25, 2010 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Specialist Carlos Javier Negron, Sr.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
23rd day of August,
Two Thousand and Ten, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

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Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor