

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 38

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Pedro A. Millet Meletiche, graduated from Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy, a campus of Elizabeth High School in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Millet Meletiche was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division based in Fort Carson, Colorado; and

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

WHEREAS, Specialist Millet Meletiche has received some of our nation's highest military honors, including a National Defense Service Medal and an Army Service Ribbon; and

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

WHEREAS, Specialist Millet Meletiche tragically lost his life in Arghandab River Valley, Afghanistan during an insurgent attack; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Millet Meletiche was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Millet Meletiche'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 Tuesday, September 7, 2010 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Specialist Pedro A. Millet Meletiche.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
1st day of September,
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