

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 53

WHEREAS, Lakewood Police Officer Christopher Anthony Matlosz was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey and lived in Rahway, Howell and Lakewood before settling in Manchester in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Officer Matlosz was a 2000 graduate of Howell High School and received an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Officer Matlosz graduated from the 69th Class of the Monmouth County Police Academy and served with the Lakewood Police Department for five years; and

WHEREAS, Officer Matlosz had previously served with the Englishtown Police Department and as a special police officer with the Freehold Township Police Department, Long Branch Police Department, and Manasquan Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Matlosz was twenty-seven years old, and a loving and devoted son, brother, and fiancée; and

WHEREAS, Officer Matlosz tragically lost his life after being shot during a routine stop; and

WHEREAS, Officer Matlosz's selfless devotion to public service and the protection of others makes him a hero and a true role model for all New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to recognize his true commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his untimely passing, to honor his memory, and to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss;

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 Friday, January 21, 2011, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Police Officer Christopher Anthony Matlosz.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
19th day of January,
Two Thousand and Eleven,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

[seal]

Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor