

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 88

WHEREAS, United States Marine Lance Corporal Osbrany Montes De Oca grew up in North Arlington, New Jersey and graduated from North Arlington High School; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Montes De Oca enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps shortly after graduating high school; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Montes De Oca was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Montes De Oca tragically lost his life while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Montes De Oca was a dedicated Marine as well as a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Montes De Oca'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 Tuesday, February 21, 2012 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Marine Lance Corporal Osbrany Montes De Oca.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
16th day of February,  
Two Thousand and Twelve,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor