

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 93

WHEREAS, United States Marine Corporal Derek A. Kerns grew up in Woodstown, New Jersey and entered the United States Marine Corps upon graduating from Woodstown High School; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Kerns was a MV-22 chief with the Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 261, Marine Aircraft Group 26MV-22 based at Marine Corps Air Station New River in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Kerns was an honorable and courageous young man who loved his country and the military; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Kerns tragically lost his life during a military training exercise in Morocco; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Kerns was a dedicated Marine as well as a loving husband, father, son, and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Kerns' heroism, patriotism, and service to his country and his fellow Marines makes 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 Friday, April 20, 2012, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Marine Corporal Derek A. Kerns.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
17th day of April,
Two Thousand and Twelve,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor