EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 158

WHEREAS, the tragedy at the Fort Hood Texas Army Base, has shaken the nation and, in particular, has affected the citizens of the State of New Jersey because of the injury of a soldier from Bridgewater, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, at this time of shock, sorrow, and grieving, it is important for the State to come together to mourn the military and civilian men and women who were killed and to remember their spouses, parents, families, and friends at a time of supreme loss; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey, a State with connections to these individuals, to mark their passing, remember their families as they mourn their losses, and honor their memories;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, Acting 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 the appropriate hours on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, in recognition of the lives and in mourning of the passing of the military and civilian personnel killed at the Fort Hood Army Base in Texas.
 - 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this $9^{\rm th}$ day of November, Two Thousand and Nine, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fourth.

[seal]

/s/ Richard J. Codey

Acting Governor

Attest:

/s/ William J. Castner, Jr.

Chief Counsel to the Governor