

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 113**

WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Hurricane Sandy struck the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sandy produced unprecedented severe weather conditions, including enormous storm surges, devastating winds, and widespread flooding; and

WHEREAS, the damage caused from Sandy, including fallen trees, downed power lines, and unprecedented disruptions in electrical service, has produced dangerous conditions throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take action to minimize and mitigate additional hardships, loss, or suffering as the State begins rebuilding and recovering from Sandy; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of Sandy, some property owners, particularly those on the barrier islands along the New Jersey coast, may be unable to access important papers, bank records, and other documents; and

WHEREAS, the effects of Sandy continue to disrupt transportation and communication, making it difficult for the citizens of the State to meet the normal deadlines for timely payment of real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(a) and 54:4-66.1(a), fourth-quarter property taxes are due November 1, 2012, for both calendar-year and state fiscal year municipalities; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a), local governments may fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes and may provide that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable, thereby establishing a grace period running through November 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2012, in light of the dangers posed by Sandy, and pursuant to the authority provided under the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, I declared a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and -51, I reserved the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government to protect against the emergency created by Sandy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, I declared that, due to the State of Emergency, no municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this

State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of my Executive Orders, or that will in any way interfere with or impede their achievement;

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 grace period for payment of fourth-quarter property taxes for municipalities other than those municipalities with accelerated tax sales is extended to November 16, 2012.

2. Any municipal governing body may, by resolution, extend the grace period to a date no later than December 31, 2012.

3. No municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Executive Order, or that will in any way interfere with or impede its achievement.

4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of November,  
Two Thousand and Twelve,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Thirty-Seventh.

[seal]

/s/Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor