

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 158

WHEREAS, Jersey City Police Officer Melvin Santiago was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Officer Santiago was a 2009 graduate of CREATE Charter High School in Jersey City, where he was one of three Hudson County high school seniors to earn the New Jersey Rising Scholars Award; and

WHEREAS, Officer Santiago studied Criminal Justice at Hudson County Community College; and

WHEREAS, Officer Santiago, fulfilling his dream of becoming a police officer, was hired by the Jersey City Police Department in July 2013 and graduated from the police academy in December 2013; and

WHEREAS, Officer Santiago was twenty-three years old, and a loving and devoted son and brother; and

WHEREAS, Officer Santiago was tragically killed in the line of duty while responding to a report of an armed robbery; and

WHEREAS, Officer Santiago's selfless devotion to public service and the protection of his community 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 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 Wednesday, July 16, 2014, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Police Officer Melvin Santiago.

2. Furthermore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:3-12, the flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at the State House during appropriate hours in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Police Officer Melvin Santiago.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
14<sup>th</sup> day of July,  
Two Thousand and Fourteen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Thirty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Christopher S. Porrino

Chief Counsel to the Governor