

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 212**

WHEREAS, Senator Raymond Bateman was born in Somerville, New Jersey in 1927, and attended Somerville High School and Wesleyan University; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, Senator Bateman began his outstanding career in public service in the United States Army, serving in Japan after World War II; and

WHEREAS, after serving his country in the Army, Senator Bateman was as an assistant to State Senator Malcolm S. Forbes, and then Executive Director of the New Jersey Republican State Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bateman then served in the New Jersey General Assembly beginning in 1958, and was subsequently elected to the Senate in 1967; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Senator Bateman became President of the New Jersey State Senate and, when necessary, served as Acting Governor; and

WHEREAS, during his two decades in the Legislature, Senator Bateman sponsored legislation that has had a profound, positive, and lasting impact on the State, including a landmark 1962 bill that created New Jersey's community college system; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Legislature, Senator Bateman continued to serve New Jersey in various roles, including as chairman of the Raritan Valley Community College and as chairman of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority; and

WHEREAS, most of all, Senator Bateman was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, whose presence will be sorely missed by his family, his many friends and colleagues, and the people of New Jersey overall; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the passing of Senator Bateman, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the outstanding character, remarkable achievements, and cherished memory of Senator Raymond Bateman, and to mark his passing;

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 Saturday, July 9, 2016, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Senator Raymond Bateman.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
30th day of June,  
Two Thousand and Sixteen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Fortieth.

[seal]

/s/Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor