

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 217**

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Trooper Frankie Williams was a resident of Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, Trooper Williams earned an Associate Degree from Atlantic Cape Community College, a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Rutgers University, and was working towards a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice at Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2016, Trooper Williams joined the New Jersey State Police as a graduate of the 156<sup>th</sup> Class of the New Jersey State Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Williams was initially assigned to the Woodstown Station, then to the Port Norris Station; and

WHEREAS, in his short time in the State Police, Trooper Williams gained the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his good judgment and thoughtful approach to his duties; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2016, Trooper Williams tragically passed away following a motor vehicle accident that occurred while he was on duty and responding to an incident; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Williams was a loving and devoted husband and son, and his memory will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Williams made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the citizens of this State, and served with courage, professionalism, and a commitment to the finest ideals and traditions of the New Jersey State Police; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of Trooper Williams, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and fellow law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark Trooper Williams's 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 Monday, December 12, 2016, in recognition and in mourning of a brave and loyal hero, New Jersey State Trooper Frankie Williams.

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 Trooper Frankie Williams.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of December,  
Two Thousand and Sixteen, and  
of the Independence of the  
United States, the Two  
Hundred and Forty-First.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Scott A. Coffina

Senior Deputy Chief Counsel to the Governor