

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 224**

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2017, horrific acts of terrorism were committed at an arena in Manchester, England; and

WHEREAS, the evil perpetrators of these atrocities callously took the lives of more than twenty innocent people and injured dozens of others, including many defenseless children and young people; and

WHEREAS, this act of terrorism, like the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, represents an assault on civilized people throughout the world, and must be condemned in the strongest possible terms; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that leaders in the United States, England, and other countries around the globe take decisive action to deliver justice to those responsible for this attack, and to ensure the safety of innocent people in the future; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of all the victims of the terrorist attack in Manchester, especially the children and young people, and we pause to offer our deepest sympathies to their families, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims, to honor their memories, and to mark their 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 Wednesday, May 24, 2017, in recognition of the lives of and in mourning for the passing of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Manchester, England.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
23rd day of May,  
Two Thousand and Seventeen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Forty-First.

/s/Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/Gregory L. Acquaviva

Chief Counsel to the Governor