

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 37

WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant Jamal M. Rhett, graduated from Burlington County Institute of Technology in 2003 and attended Bloomfield College before enlisting in the Army; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhett was a combat medic assigned to the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhett and his unit were deployed to Iraq for Operation Enduring Freedom in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhett has received some of our nation's highest military honors, including a Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and a Combat Medic Badge; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhett was an ambitious and courageous young man who loved his country and the military; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhett tragically lost his life in Ba Qubah, Iraq during an insurgent attack; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhett was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving son, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhett's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his 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 Friday, September 3, 2010 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Sergeant Jamal M. Rhett.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
1st day of September,
Two Thousand and Ten, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor