STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, December 7, 2015 marks the 74th anniversary of the surprise Japanese attack on the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, during which more than 3,500 Americans were killed or wounded while defending the area from destruction; and

WHEREAS, this national tragedy that President Franklin D. Roosevelt called "a date which will live in infamy" was the inciting incident that resulted in the United States entering World War II on December 8, 1941; and

WHEREAS, the attack on Pearl Harbor shattered our Nation's domestic tranquility but strengthened our unity and resolve against forces of oppression and hate; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the attack, thousands of courageous Americans responded to the call of duty and enlisted in the Armed Forces to serve in distant theaters of war; and

WHEREAS, we must honor those brave patriots who lost their lives on that fateful December day as well as all the other service members who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II to defend our freedoms and save others from the horrors of totalitarianism;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

DECEMBER 7, 2015
AS
PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

in New Jersey, and encourage government offices across our State to fly the flag of the United States at half staff in honor of those brave individuals who died in defense of Pearl Harbor and whose sacrifice united our Nation against the global threat of fascism.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fifth day of November in the year two thousand fifteen, the two hundred fortieth year of the Independence of the United States.

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