STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, all Americans owe a tremendous debt of gratitude and appreciation to the brave men and women who have served or currently serve in the Armed Forces of the United States to defend our freedoms and preserve our way of life; and

WHEREAS, the United States has recognized November 11 as Veterans Day since 1954, when it replaced the holiday then known as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, according to the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the State of New Jersey is home to approximately 400,000 veterans; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's courageous veterans in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard have made significant contributions to every war and military conflict in the history of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, it is of utmost importance for the residents of the Garden State to join together with all Americans in expressing their gratitude for the patriotic service of our veterans, who have risked their lives to defend our Constitution and the sacred principles of liberty and freedom it represents;

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

NOVEMBER 11, 2016

as the official observance of

VETERANS DAY

in New Jersey and urge residents to use this occasion to pay their respect to our noble veterans for their dutiful service to our flag and country.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fourth day of November in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

Kim Guadagno
Lt. GOVERNOR

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