

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 215**

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, unprecedented acts of terrorism were committed in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001, took the lives of nearly 3,000 people, almost 700 of whom were residents of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, these attacks not only caused a tremendous loss of life, but also inflicted immense pain and anguish on the survivors of the attacks, as well as the families of those killed that day; and

WHEREAS, fifteen years later, a great many New Jerseyans continue to endure the devastating loss of a parent, spouse, child, or other loved one; and

WHEREAS, September 11, 2001, will be remembered by all New Jerseyans, privately and at public remembrances and memorials, as we continue to display the patriotism and compassion that defines us as Americans and as New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, we remain grateful to our law enforcement officers and our Armed Forces for their invaluable sacrifices in the protection of our country and our State; and

WHEREAS, on this fifteenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, it is fitting that this day be observed with full solemnity, in tribute to the innocent victims who perished in the attacks;

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 the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, instrumentalities and all public buildings during appropriate hours on Sunday, September 11, 2016, in recognition and in mourning of the victims of the attacks of September 11, 2001, including those from our home State.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
7<sup>th</sup> day of September,  
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/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor