

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9

WHEREAS, United States Marine Sergeant Christopher R. Hrbek, was a true son of New Jersey, raised and educated in Westwood, New Jersey, where he served his community as a volunteer firefighter; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Westwood High School, Sergeant Hrbek enlisted in the Marines and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hrbek was a soldier of unusual dedication, whose service for this country brought him to Iraq three times, as well as to Greece, Jordan, and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hrbek was an ambitious and courageous young man who loved his country and the military and who was slated to receive the Bronze Star for his actions in saving the life of a wounded fellow soldier; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hrbek tragically lost his life while heroically and selflessly serving his country in southern Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Hrbek was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving husband, son, and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hrbek'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 Monday, January 25, 2010, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Marine Sergeant Christopher R. Hrbek.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of January,

Two Thousand and Ten, and of  
the Independence of the United  
States, the Two Hundred and  
Thirty-Fourth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor