

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 188**

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Kevin Joniel Rodriguez was a resident of Paterson, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Rodriguez enlisted in the Army on October 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Rodriguez served honorably as an infantryman with the 101st Airborne Division, Company A, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Rodriguez was a dedicated and decorated soldier and the recipient of the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Expert Marksmanship Badge; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Rodriguez was a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Rodriguez tragically lost his life as the result of a training accident at Fort Campbell; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Rodriguez' heroism, dedication, and commitment to service and country make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him, 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 Wednesday, October 21, 2015, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Specialist Kevin Joniel Rodriguez.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
19<sup>th</sup> of October,  
Two Thousand and Fifteen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Fortieth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor