

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 208**

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2016, barbaric acts of terrorism were committed at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the atrocities carried out in Orlando took the lives of 49 innocent people, and seriously injured dozens of others; and

WHEREAS, this shocking and horrific attack constitutes the deadliest act of terrorism carried out in the United States since September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, this hateful terrorist attack was purposely directed against members of the LGBT community, and represents a deliberate and callous assault on the freedoms we cherish as Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of the victims of the terrorist attack in Orlando, Florida, and pause to offer our deepest sympathies to their families, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims, to honor their memories, and to mark their passing;

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 Friday, June 17, 2016, in recognition of the lives and in mourning of the passing of the victims of the terrorist attack in Orlando, Florida.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
16<sup>th</sup> day of June,  
Two Thousand and Sixteen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Fortieth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor