

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 235**

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2017, a barbaric act of terrorism was committed in Lower Manhattan, taking the lives of eight innocent people, and severely injuring several others; and

WHEREAS, among the deceased was Darren Drake, a resident of New Milford, New Jersey, who earned his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and a master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and who had previously served as the president of the New Milford School Board; and

WHEREAS, this horrific act also claimed the lives of Nicholas Cleves, a New York resident, Ann-Laure Decadt, a visitor from Belgium, as well as Diego Enrique Angelini, Ariel Erlij, Hernán Ferruchi, Hernán Diego Mendoza, and Alejandro Damián Pagnucco, all of whom were visitors from Argentina; and

WHEREAS, this atrocity took place near the site of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, and serves as a grim reminder that our struggle against terrorism continues; and

WHEREAS, while we mourn the victims of this attack, we are also grateful to the members of our law enforcement agencies, and especially the New York City Police Department, whose heroic efforts helped to prevent the further loss of life in this incident; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of the victims of this terrorist attack, and we 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 Monday, November 6, 2017, in recognition of the lives of and in mourning for the passing of the victims of the terrorist attack in New York City.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
3rd day of November,  
Two Thousand and Seventeen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Forty-Second.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ James J. DiGiulio

Chief Counsel to the Governor