

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Ronald H. Wildrick, Jr. grew up in Byram Township, New Jersey and graduated from Lenape Valley Regional High School in Stanhope, NJ in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick also served in the U.S. Army Continental Color Guards; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick was an honorable and courageous young man who loved his country and the military; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick has received some of our nation's highest military honors, including the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Basic Parachutist Badge. Posthumously he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, NATO Medal, and Combat Infantryman Badge; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick tragically lost his life while heroically and selflessly serving his country in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick was a brave and dedicated soldier as well as a loving son, brother, husband and father whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildrick's heroism, patriotism, and service to his country 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 January 12, 2012, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Specialist Ronald H. Wildrick, Jr.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
5th day of January
Two Thousand and Twelve,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kevin M. O'Dowd

Deputy Chief Counsel to the Governor