EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 206

WHEREAS, State Police Trooper Recruit Lucas C. Homeijer, age 27, was a resident of Boonton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Recruit Homeijer was a member of the 161st State Police Academy Class, following in the footsteps of his father and uncle, both of whom are retired State Troopers; and

WHEREAS, Recruit Homeijer was a graduate of Morris Knolls High School in Rockaway, New Jersey where he was a member of the wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, before joining the 161st State Police Academy Class, Recruit Homeijer attended Trooper Youth Week at the age of 17 years old; and

WHEREAS, Recruit Homeijer was dedicated to service from a young age and was an Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Recruit Homeijer was the beloved son of Don and Denise Homeijer, and his presence will be missed by his family, his friends, his fellow classmates and instructors, and by the people of New Jersey whom will always be grateful for his decision to serve; and

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness that we mourn Recruit Homeijer's sudden passing, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and fellow classmates and instructors; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the exemplary character, outstanding achievements, and cherished memory of Recruit Homeijer, and to mark his passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, 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 from Friday, December 4, 2020, through Sunday, December 6, 2020, in recognition and mourning of State Police Trooper Recruit Lucas C. Homeijer.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 3rd day of December, Two Thousand and Twenty, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest: /s/ Parimal Garg Chief Counsel to the Governor