

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 324**

WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant David Solinas, Jr., grew up in Oradell, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Solinas attended River Dell High School, where he both wrestled and played rugby; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Solinas attended Norwich University, a private senior military college, in Northfield, Vermont, where he also played rugby; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Solinas enlisted in the military in 2018 and attended basic training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Solinas was assigned as a Combat Medic with the 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, in Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Solinas served as a Flight Paramedic for the Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, since October 2022; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Solinas was recognized for his service to our country with awards and ribbons, including the Army Commendation medal and the National Defense Service medal; and

WHEREAS, in a tragic accident, Sergeant Solinas and eight other U.S. soldiers were killed last week in a Black Hawk helicopter crash during a training exercise in Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Solinas was a beloved son, brother, friend, teammate, and fellow servicemember whose presence will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him, and by the people of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is with tremendous sadness that we mourn the passing of Sergeant Solinas and his eight fellow soldiers, and we extend our deepest sympathy to Sergeant Solinas' family, friends, teammates, and fellow servicemembers; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor and cherish the memory of Sergeant Solinas, a New Jersey native, 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 until sunset on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in recognition and mourning of the passing of United States Army Sergeant David Solinas, Jr.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of April,  
Two Thousand and Twenty-  
three, and of the  
Independence of the United  
States, the Two Hundred and  
Forty-Seventh.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor