

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 66

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Richard C. Emmons, III was born and raised in Salem County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Emmons was a signal support systems specialist with the 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division; and

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

WHEREAS, Specialist Emmons has received some of our nation's highest military honors, including the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal and the Combat Action Badge; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Specialist Emmons'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 Wednesday, June 15, 2011 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Specialist Richard C. Emmons, III.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
10th day of June,
Two Thousand and Eleven,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

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Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor