

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 166

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Kealey, a resident of Lindenwold, New Jersey, served the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("DOT") and the public at large since 2006 as a member of the DOT's Emergency Services Patrol, based in Cherry Hill, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kealey was a loving husband and the devoted father of two daughters who performed his emergency patrol duties with honor and dedication, helping to keep the highways safe for the public throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, in the afternoon hours of January 11, 2010, on the shoulder of Route 76 in Bellmawr, New Jersey, Mr. Kealey made the ultimate sacrifice, tragically giving his life while stopped to assist the operator of a disabled vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kealey's selfless devotion to public service and the protection of others makes him a hero and a true role model for all New Jerseyans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State where he served to recognize his remarkable commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his untimely passing, to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN M. SWEENEY, Acting 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 the appropriate hours on Saturday, January 16, 2010, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Joseph Kealey.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
13th day of January,
Two Thousand and Ten, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Fourth.

/s/ Stephen M. Sweeney

Acting Governor

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Attest:

/s/ William J. Castner, Jr.

Chief Counsel to the Governor