

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 72

WHEREAS, United States Marine Corporal Nicholas S. Ott graduated from Manchester Regional High School in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Ott was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; and

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

WHEREAS, Corporal Ott was awarded two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Ott tragically lost his life while heroically and selflessly serving his country in Helmand province, Afghanistan while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Ott was a brave and dedicated Marine as well as a loving son and brother whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Ott'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 Friday, August 19, 2011, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Marine Corporal Nicholas S. Ott.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
16<sup>th</sup> day of August,  
Two Thousand and Eleven,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor