

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 121

WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Zoltan Dobovich, of Riegelsville, Pennsylvania, was a member of an air crew reported missing in Europe in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dobovich enlisted in the United States Army in 1943; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dobovich was last accounted for on November 1, 1946, when an air crew of eight members departed Italy on a course to England but never arrived at their destination; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dobovich and the rest of the air crew were not found after an extensive search of their aircraft's flight plan; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dobovich's remains have been identified and returned to his family in New Jersey for burial with full military honors; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dobovich was a courageous soldier who loved his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dobovich was, in turn, loved by his family, friends, and fellow soldiers, who take great pride in his commitment, heroism, and achievements; and

WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Zoltan Dobovich made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life while serving his country; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting to mark his passing, honor his memory, and remember his family as they mourn their loss;

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 Thursday, December 27, 2012, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of United States Army Staff Sergeant Zoltan Dobovich.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
19th day December,
Two Thousand and Twelve,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Seventh.

[seal]

/s/Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

/s/Charles B. McKenna
Chief Counsel to the Governor