

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 185

WHEREAS, Lawrence Peter "Yogi" Berra was a World War II veteran, Major League baseball player, coach, philosopher, and longtime resident of Montclair, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, Yogi Berra traded his minor league baseball uniform for a Navy uniform and bravely defended our country during the D-Day invasion at Normandy, providing cover fire for our troops landing at Omaha Beach; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra is a true icon of our Nation's pastime and one of the profession's greatest players; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra made his Major League Baseball debut for the New York Yankees in 1946, and won ten World Series Championships while playing for the Yankees; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Yogi Berra appeared in 15 All-Star Games and won three American League Most Valuable Player awards; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972 and will forever be immortalized by baseball fans for this distinction; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra's greatness on the baseball field is only matched by his wit, charm, humor, and his many "Yogi-isms" that have endeared him to generations of baseball fans and all Americans alike; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra earned an honorary doctorate from Montclair State University, which is also the site of the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center, as well as Yogi Berra Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra continues to inspire younger generations of fans today through his timeless warmth and youth sportsmanship programs; and

WHEREAS, Yogi Berra passed away in New Jersey on September 22, 2015, on the sixty-ninth anniversary of his Major League debut with the New York Yankees; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of Yogi Berra, a cherished national treasure and baseball legend, and extend our sincere sympathy to his family, friends, and fans; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the achievements and contributions, to honor the memory, and to mark the passing of Yogi Berra;

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 Tuesday, September 29, 2015, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Yogi Berra.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
25th day of September,
Two Thousand and Fifteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Fortieth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Scott A. Coffina

Senior Deputy Chief Counsel to the Governor