

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 43

WHEREAS, United States Navy Special Warfare Operator 3rd Class (SEAL) Denis C. Miranda, graduated from Toms River High School East in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Miranda enlisted in the military in September 2003 and became a Navy SEAL in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Miranda attended Hospital Corpsman School, which trains medical caregivers, before entering the Naval Special Warfare Command in Hamptons Road, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Miranda was assigned to an East Coast-based SEAL Team; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Miranda was an ambitious and courageous young man who loved his country and the military; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Miranda tragically lost his life in Zabul, Afghanistan, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Miranda was a 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, Petty Officer Miranda's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow soldiers 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, October 6, 2010 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Navy Special Warfare Operator 3rd Class (SEAL) Denis C. Miranda.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
1st day of October,
Two Thousand and Ten, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor