EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 68

WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant James W. Harvey, II resided in Toms River, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Harvey was assigned to D Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Knox, Kentucky; and

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

WHEREAS, Sergeant Harvey tragically lost his life while heroically and selflessly serving his country in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Harvey was a brave and 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, Sergeant Harvey'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, June 24, 2011 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Sergeant James W. Harvey, II. 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 22nd day of June, Two Thousand and Eleven, 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