WHEREAS, United States Marine First Lieutenant Ryan K. Iannelli was raised in East Greenwich Township, New Jersey; and WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Iannelli graduated at the top of his class from Kingsway Regional High School in 2002; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Iannelli received a degree from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma in May of 2006; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Iannelli was assigned to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269, Marine Air Group 29, 2nd Marine Air Wing, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C.; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Iannelli was an honorable and courageous young man who loved his country and the military; and

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

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

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Iannelli'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 Wednesday, October 5, 2011 in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Marine First Lieutenant Ryan K. Iannelli.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 3rd day of October, 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