EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 352

WHEREAS, Marques Hudson, age 32, was a member of the Plainfield Fire Department and an exemplary public servant; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Hudson served the City of Plainfield as a firefighter for over two years with honorable devotion, remarkable courage, and exceptional professionalism, loyalty, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2024, Firefighter Hudson was one of the brave firefighters who responded to a fire at a home on Emerson Avenue in Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Hudson tragically lost his life in the line of duty while courageously battling the fire; and

WHEREAS, the same fire that took Firefighter Hudson's life also injured several additional firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Hudson is survived by his mother, brother, sister, partner, and three children; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Hudson will be deeply missed by his family, friends, fellow members of the Plainfield Fire Department, and all firefighters; and

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that we mourn Firefighter Hudson's passing while keeping the other injured firefighters in our prayers; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the sacrifice and bravery of Firefighter Marques Hudson;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, 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, February 2, 2024, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal New Jersey hero, Firefighter Marques Hudson.

    2.   This Order shall take effect immediately.

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GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 29th day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

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/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor