WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant Jonathan Gollnitz grew up in Fredonia, New York, and was later a resident of Lakehurst, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gollnitz graduated from Levant Christian School in 2003, and soon after joined the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gollnitz, after serving in the United States Navy, enlisted in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gollnitz was assigned to A Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, V Corps, Schweinfurt, Germany; and

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

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gollnitz tragically lost his life while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gollnitz was a brave and dedicated soldier as well as a loving son, brother, and father, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gollnitz'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, KIMBERLY M. GUADAGNO, Acting 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, October 9, 2012, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Sergeant Jonathan Gollnitz.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Thirty-Seventh.

[seal]

/s/Kimberly M. Guadagno

Acting Governor

Attest:

/s/Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor