EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 119

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2012, a senseless and devastating act of violence was committed at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, this horrific act victimized innocent children, their families, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of all the victims of this needless violence; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the victims, to honor their memories, and to mark their passing;

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 the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, in recognition and mourning of the passing of the victims in Newtown, Connecticut.
 - 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 14th day of December,

Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Thirty-Seventh.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor