EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 27

WHEREAS, United States Army $1^{\rm st}$ Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma, graduated from Saint Augustine Preparatory School in 2004; and

WHEREAS, 1^{ST} Lieutenant Corma graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2008; and

WHEREAS, $1^{\rm st}$ Lieutenant Corma was assigned to the $2^{\rm nd}$ Battalion, $508^{\rm th}$ Parachute Infantry Regiment, $4^{\rm th}$ Brigade Combat Team, $82^{\rm nd}$ Airborne Division based in Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, 1st Lieutenant Corma was an ambitious and courageous young man who loved his country and the military; and

WHEREAS, $1^{\rm st}$ Lieutenant Corma tragically lost his life in Afghanistan during an insurgent attack; and

WHEREAS, 1st Lieutenant Corma was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving son, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, 1st Lieutenant Corma's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow soldiers 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:

 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, May 11, 2010, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army $1^{\rm st}$ Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 7th day of May,
Two Thousand and Ten, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fourth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

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Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa
Chief Counsel to the Governor