

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 45**

WHEREAS, November 11 is observed every year as Veterans Day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, November 11 was originally selected as a day of reflection for those who served in World War I because it marked the end of that conflict, but has since been expanded to recognize and honor all veterans who have served in the U.S. armed forces and sacrificed for our country; and

WHEREAS, November 11, 2018, marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I; and

WHEREAS, World War I was an unprecedented global conflict that is estimated to have caused up to 19 million deaths around the world, both military and civilian, including over 3,400 U.S. servicemembers from New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, while many hoped at the time that this type of global calamity would never be repeated, earning World War I the temporary moniker of "the war to end all wars," the world was plunged into an even greater conflict that led to more human suffering less than two decades later; and

WHEREAS, as the U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, I observed firsthand the lasting effects of these conflicts, and the need to promote global peace and stability in order to prevent similar conflicts from happening in the future; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I, and remember all of those who served in that conflict and in the century since, including those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of this nation; and

WHEREAS, it is also appropriate to recommit ourselves to the ideals of democracy, freedom, and peace that our world has too often failed to live up to in the last 100 years, but must continue to strive for;

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 the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, instrumentalities, and all public buildings during appropriate hours on Monday, November 12, 2018, in recognition of Veterans Day and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
11<sup>th</sup> day of November,  
Two Thousand and Eighteen,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Forty-Third.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin

Chief Counsel to the Governor