

Wednesday, January 5, 2005

### **Codey Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff to Honor Tsunami Victims**

(TRENTON) – Acting Governor Richard J. Codey today signed an executive order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly at half-staff through Friday in recognition and mourning of the victims of the tsunami that struck South Asia and resulted in the death of more than 155,000 people. “New Jersey citizens share in the need to remember and honor the victims of this horrible tragedy,” Codey said. “By flying our flags at half-staff, we are paying a solemn tribute to the victims and showing united support for their families.” A copy of the Executive Order is attached. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13

WHEREAS, the world’s most powerful earthquake in over 40 years in the Indian Ocean and the resulting Tsunamis have resulted in the deaths of over 155,000 persons and massive destruction in South Asia; and WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes the need to remember and honor the memory of the victims of this horrible tragedy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, 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 from Wednesday, January 5, 2005, through Friday, January 7, 2005 in recognition and mourning of the victims of the Tsunami disaster.2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal

this 5th day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two

Thousand and Five, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Twenty-Ninth.

Codey

Governor

/s/ Richard J.

Acting Governor Attest: /s/ Paul T. Fader Chief Counsel to the

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