

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, at least 17 students and adults were killed at Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida in a horrific act of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the gunman was heavily armed and entered the school with a semiautomatic AR-15 rifle and numerous high-capacity magazines; and

WHEREAS, reports indicate that this is the eighteenth school shooting in the first 45 days of 2018; and

WHEREAS, three of the ten deadliest mass shootings in U.S. history have occurred in the last five months, with the tragedy in Parkland joining those in Las Vegas and Sutherland Springs; and

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

WHEREAS, my administration is committed not only to mourning the victims and their families but also to doing everything we can both to prevent these senseless and heartbreaking mass shootings from happening in our state and to end the epidemic of gun violence that plagues far too many of our communities;

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, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, in recognition and mourning of the passing of the victims in Parkland, Florida.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
15th day of February,
Two Thousand and Eighteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Second.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin

Chief Counsel to the Governor