

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 199

WHEREAS, United States Air Force Senior Airman Richard "Rico" Asey Samaroo was born in Guyana and moved to the United States in 2003, spending his formative years in North Brunswick, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Senior Airman Samaroo attended Livingston Park Elementary School, Linwood Middle School, and North Brunswick High School, from which he graduated with honors in 2017 and thereafter enlisted in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Senior Airman Samaroo completed his basic training at Lackland Airforce Base in Texas and subsequently completed his military school training at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Senior Airman Samaroo served as an electrical power production technician at the Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany for two years and later as a member of the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron at the Osan Air Force Base in South Korea, where he had been stationed since May of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Senior Airman Samaroo was the recipient of multiple honors during his service, including the National Defense Service Medal; the Global War on Terrorism Medal; the M-16 Expert Qualifying Medal; and the Air Force Training Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, while on active duty in South Korea, Senior Airman Samaroo tragically passed away at the age of twenty-one; and

WHEREAS, Senior Airman Samaroo was a beloved member of our New Jersey family whose presence will be immensely missed by his family, his friends, his fellow servicemembers, and by the people of New Jersey whom are grateful for his service; and

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness that we mourn Senior Airman Samaroo's sudden passing, and extend our deepest sympathy and gratitude to his family, especially to his parents, Richard

and Bibi Samaroo, his sister, Zhane, and his friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the exemplary character, outstanding achievements, and cherished memory of Senior Airman Samaroo and to mark his passing;

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 New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, November 23, 2020, in recognition and mourning of Senior Airman Richard Asey Samaroo.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
20th day of November,
Two Thousand and Twenty, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor