

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 289

WHEREAS, United States Navy Seaman Kyle Mullen was a dedicated servicemember and Navy SEAL candidate; and

WHEREAS, Seaman Mullen was a resident of Manalapan Township where he helped lead Manalapan High School's football team to a Central Jersey Group V State Title in 2014, earning the Most Valuable Player award; and

WHEREAS, Seaman Mullen graduated from Manalapan High School in 2015 as a member of the National Honor Society with a combined six varsity letters between football and basketball; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Seaman Mullen attended Yale University and continued his football career, earning second team all-Ivy League honors and becoming team captain; and

WHEREAS, Seaman Mullen finished his football career at Monmouth University in 2019, where he helped the team advance to the second round of the NCAA FCS Division I playoffs; and

WHEREAS, Seaman Mullen enlisted in the military last year and started active duty in March 2021, proudly serving his country; and

WHEREAS, Seaman Mullen had recently completed the grueling first phase of Navy SEAL training; and

WHEREAS, Seaman Mullen was recognized for his service to our country with the National Defense Service medal; and

WHEREAS, Seaman Mullen tragically passed away last week after Navy SEAL training exercises in California; and

WHEREAS, Seaman Mullen was a beloved son, friend, teammate, and fellow servicemember whose presence will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him, and by the people of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is with tremendous sadness that we mourn the passing of Seaman Mullen and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, teammates, and fellow servicemembers; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor and cherish the memory of Seaman Mullen 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 until sunset on Friday, February 11, 2022, in recognition and mourning of United States Navy Seaman Kyle Mullen.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
10th day of February,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

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/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor