

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 67

WHEREAS, Clarence A. Clemons, Jr., was a gifted musician, remarkable performer and iconic figure in New Jersey whose membership in Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band and various other musical and entertainment related endeavors have left an indelible mark upon the cultural landscape of our State; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Clemons was born in Norfolk, Virginia on January 11, 1942 and moved to Newark, New Jersey in 1962 to work as a youth counselor while pursuing a career in the music industry; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Clemons passed away in Palm Beach, Florida on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at the age of 69 due to complications from a stroke suffered previously; and

WHEREAS, as a solo artist, musical contributor and, most prominently, lead saxophone player and long serving member of the E Street Band, Clarence Clemons participated in the recording of over thirty (30) albums and countless live performances over the past four decades; and

WHEREAS, his studio recordings and live performances have endeared him to countless fans in New Jersey and around the world and have enriched the lives of fans of many different genres of music, including rock & roll, soul and jazz; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Clemons' considerable musical talent and unique style of saxophone playing contributed significantly to the success of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, leading to the sale of over 100 million albums worldwide, numerous music awards and critical acclaim; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Clemons' passion and enthusiasm for his music, his seemingly boundless optimism and his extroverted nature and larger-than-life personality, together with his

imposing physical stature, further endeared him to his fans and earned him the moniker "the Big Man" from Bruce Springsteen; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his success in the music industry, Clarence Clemons appeared in several films and television shows, including Martin Scorsese's "New York, New York," and authored his memoirs, "Big Man: Real Life and Tall Tales" in 2009; and

WHEREAS, having enriched the lives of so many people during his musical and entertainment career, which spanned across five decades, Clarence Clemons has left a legacy in this State that will be cherished for many years; and

WHEREAS, through his accomplishments and achievements in the entertainment industry and his contributions to the cultural identity of New Jersey, Clarence Clemons has made New Jersey a better place; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Clarence Clemens and extend our sincere sympathy to his family, friends and many fans; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the achievements and contributions, to honor the memory, and to mark the passing of Clarence Clemons;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, 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 Thursday, June 23, 2011, in

recognition and mourning of the passing of Clarence Clemons.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of June ,  
Two Thousand and Eleven,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

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Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor