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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am honored to salute all of the active duty military personnel participating in the 2011 New Jersey Run for the Fallen and extend my sincere gratitude for their ongoing service to our nation.

This annual three-day event has been instrumental in raising awareness of those who fought and died in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and has provided crucial support to organizations that assist the families of these fallen heroes. I understand that this year's run will span more than 150 miles across the Garden State in recognition of each of New Jersey's fallen heroes from these two military campaigns. All citizens of the United States of America owe a tremendous debt of gratitude and appreciation to the brave men and women of the armed forces who fight to protect our freedoms and defend our way of life. In honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, you are keeping their patriotic spirit alive in the hearts of all New Jerseyans. I applaud you for devoting your time and energy toward this worthy cause.

Best wishes to all for a safe and successful journey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie".

Chris Christie
Governor