Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Governor's Office

EXECUTIVE ORDER

REPRIEVE

To John E. Wetzel, Secretary of Corrections, or your successor in office,

WHEREAS, on the eleventh day of October, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four, at a Court of Common Pleas held at York, in and for the County of York as to information number 3699 of the Criminal Division in the year A.D. one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three, a certain Hubert L. Michael, Jr., pled guilty to Murder of the First Degree on said information, and on the twentieth day of March, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five, the Court fixed the penalty at death, and was thereupon, to wit, on the twentieth day of March, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five, sentenced by the Court to suffer death; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has reviewed the matter and upheld the constitutionality of the death penalty as well as affirmed its imposition upon said Hubert L. Michael, Jr., and has thus transmitted to the Governor a full and complete record of the trial, sentencing hearing, imposition of sentence and review by the Supreme Court pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth entitled the "JARA Continuation Act of 1980," approved the fifth day of October, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and eighty; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Corrections for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections issued a Notice of Execution on the twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, for Hubert L. Michael, Jr. pursuant to the thirty-third Act of the General Assembly of the year two thousand and nine, A.D., approved on the eleventh day of August, A.D., two thousand and nine; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 9 of the Pennsylvania Constitution provides that "[i]n all criminal cases except impeachment, the Governor shall have the power to … grant reprieves …";

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, as Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the Laws of this Commonwealth, do hereby grant a temporary reprieve of the execution unto Hubert L. Michael, Jr. until I have received and reviewed the forthcoming report of the Pennsylvania Task Force and Advisory Committee on Capital Punishment, and any recommendations contained therein are satisfactorily addressed.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Harrisburg, this third day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Tom Wolf

ATTEST:

Thomas J. Weaver

Executive Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth