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Atlantic City's Miss America Competition Will Be Broadcast Live on September 13th

Trenton, NJ – Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno and leaders from the Miss America Organization today welcomed the 52 contestants who will be competing in this year's nationally televised 2016 Miss America Competition. The 95th-anniversary event will be broadcast live from Boardwalk Hall on the ABC television network on September 13th.

"On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am pleased to congratulate and welcome this year's 52 contestants, who have distinguished themselves through their leadership, advocacy, and talent," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "This anniversary year marks an important step in the shared history between Miss America and Atlantic City, and we look forward to celebrating many more milestones together."

The Miss America Competition welcomes contestants from all 50 states, plus Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico. This year's event marks the third year of its return to Atlantic City, where the pageant originated.

"We are excited to once again return to Atlantic City as we celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Miss America Competition," said Sam Haskell, Executive Chairman & CEO of the Miss America Organization. "Since 1921, the Miss America Organization has empowered thousands of young women across this great country to lead successful lives by bettering themselves and their communities, and that legacy was born right here in Atlantic City."

In July, Lt. Governor Guadagno joined the Miss America Organization to celebrate the return of its headquarters to Atlantic City. The new headquarters is located at the Claridge Hotel.

In addition to hosting an American tradition, the Miss America Organization is the proud home to one of the nation's leading achievement programs and is the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Along with its state and local affiliates, the Miss America Organization offered millions of dollars in scholarship support last year alone.

For more information on the Miss America Organization and its work, visit www.missamerica.org.

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