

Acting Governor Kim Guadagno Continues her "Open for Business" Tour with Stops in Tuckerton and Bay Head

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Local Businesses Demonstrate Resilience and Determination Throughout Sandy Recovery

Trenton, NJ – Recognizing the determination and resolve of businesses along the state's shore in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, Acting Governor Kim Guadagno today visited Tuckerton Beach Grille in Tuckerton and Grenville Hotel and Restaurant in Bay Head, and encouraged Garden State residents to support their local businesses.

"With the challenges and hardships these businesses have faced and worked to overcome, they have both shown great determination to rebuild and carry on," said Acting Governor Guadagno. "When help was needed most, New Jerseyans responded to the needs of residents and businesses impacted by Superstorm Sandy. For these and other shore businesses, it's critical that New Jerseyans respond once more by visiting, dining and taking their vacations anywhere along the 127 miles of the beautiful Jersey Shore."

Open year round, Tuckerton Beach Grille offers everything from prized appetizers to homemade pies and cakes made by the restaurant's own pastry chefs.

"Having tourists come to the shore is critical to our business, said Tuckerton Beach Grille owner Romeo Robles. "It's important for everyone to know that we're here and open."

The Grenville Hotel opened as a hotel in 1890. Purchased by Harry and Renee Typaldos in 2004, the four-story Victorian has 29 rooms and an award winning four star restaurant. The hotel's original 123 year-old hardwood floors were spared, but Superstorm Sandy flooded the hotel's basement, damaging the elevator, electrical system, fire suppression system, washing machines, dryers and dry goods inventory.

While the basement damage was costly, Harry Typaldos says the challenge is educating New Jerseyans that Bay Head and the shore is open and will be ready for the summer.

"Every day we get calls asking if we're still here," said Typaldos. "This year, I'm hoping more people will vacation in New Jersey and keep their money here in New Jersey and support New Jersey businesses. The shore's still here, Bay Head is still here, so why not come here and enjoy yourself."

In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, Governor Christie has made assisting affected New Jersey small businesses a priority. In addition to initiating a statewide business impact assessment in collaboration with the state's leading business groups, the Christie Administration worked with the Small Business Administration to secure nearly \$500 million in loans for thousands of residents and small businesses, and provided lines of credit through the state's Economic Development Authority for businesses awaiting insurance reimbursement, grants for job training, and benefits for displaced workers. New Jersey was also the recipient of a \$15.6 million National Emergency Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to hire unemployed state residents to assist with clean-up and recovery efforts.

Businesses are encouraged to call the state's Business Action Center at 1-866-534-7789 for assistance and information on the many business advocacy services available through the state. Information is also available by visiting the state's business portal at www.newjerseybusiness.gov.

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