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Professional Clothing Donations for Women Veterans To Be Gathered Throughout March

Trenton, NJ – Kicking off Women's History Month, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno was joined by women legislators to announce the month-long *Dress Our Vets* initiative, which will collect new or like-new professional clothing for women veterans transitioning to the civilian workforce.

"Every March, we commemorate the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. This year, however, I thought it appropriate to focus on a unique category of leaders – our women veterans," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "Let's all work together to help these women transition from heavy flak jackets to elegant black jackets, from battle dress to professional dress."

All donated clothing will be given to Suiting Warriors Foundation (SWF), a grass-roots, non-profit mobile concierge suiting service that has suited approximately 600 veterans over the past year. A Veterans Service Organization, SWF supports veterans transitioning into civilian life by providing them with professional attire essential for competing in today's job market. SWF serves veterans in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, New York City and Washington, D.C.

"We are extremely grateful for the support of Lt. Governor Guadagno and the State of New Jersey," said Star Lotta, Founder, President and CEO of SWF. "This is a wonderful opportunity to honor our women veterans and expand knowledge throughout New Jersey about our mission and the services SWF provides to women veterans."

Dress Our Vets will accept women's suits, blazers, professional skirts, pants and dresses. Collection boxes for donations are available in the Lt. Governor's Office and in the District Offices of participating legislators. A list of locations to bring donations and frequently asked questions are available online at <http://www.nj.gov/state/pdf/2015-dress-our-vets.pdf>.

"I want to also thank the women legislators who enthusiastically join me in this effort," added Lt. Governor Guadagno. "By providing our women veterans with business-appropriate clothing at a crucial transition point in their lives, we will be helping a new generation of women leaders make history themselves."

More information on Suiting Warriors Foundation can be found on its website at <http://suitingwarriors.org>.

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