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#### **Statement of Gov. Whitman on the Death of Peter J. McDonough, Sr.**

Gov. Whitman today issued the following statement regarding the death of former State Sen. Peter McDonough. Sen. McDonough is the father of Peter J. McDonough, Jr., the Governor's Communications Director.

"I was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Pete McDonough, Sr. and I wish to extend my sincerest condolences to his wife, Elizabeth, and his children and grandchildren.

Pete McDonough was a kind and gentle leader, who was dedicated to making New Jersey a better place to live, work and raise a family. His commitment to his state was demonstrated through some 15 years of service as a member of the state Assembly and Senate.

An inspirational and gregarious person, he possessed a keen intellect and a sharp wit that served him well in both the corporate world where he held various executive positions and in shepherding scores of important initiatives through the legislative process.

Pete McDonough was admired and respected by his peers regardless of their party affiliations and he will be greatly missed."

Governor Whitman has directed that the flags be flown at half-staff at all state departments, offices, agencies, and institutions, beginning Sat., Aug. 29 through Wed., Sept. 2 in honor of Sen. McDonough.