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### **Gov. Christie Whitman Announces Nomination of Patricia Ann Hurt as Essex Prosecutor**

Gov. Christie Whitman today announced her intention to nominate Patricia Ann Hurt, deputy Essex County administrator, as prosecutor for Essex County.

"Pat Hurt has distinguished herself for her expertise in the practice of law and for her commitment to justice and fair play throughout her career," Whitman said.

Hurt has served as deputy Essex County administrator since January, 1995, with responsibility for integrating, coordinating and expediting the activities of county government. Prior to becoming deputy county administrator, Hurt was involved in the private practice of law in Newark where she handled real estate, criminal and matrimonial cases.

From 1989 to 1992, Hurt was chief prosecutor in the Municipal Prosecutor's Office in Newark. She also has served as an assistant prosecutor in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office and in the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office.

Hurt is an adjunct professor of the paralegal studies program at Montclair State University.

Hurt, who lives in Montclair, received her bachelor of arts degree from Elmira College and her law degree from the Howard University School of Law.

Hurt's nomination is subject to confirmation by the State Senate, which will resume its 1997 session following the November 4 state-wide election.

Attorney General Peter Verniero has named Donald C. Campolo, of Midland Park, to serve as interim prosecutor in Essex County until the Senate votes on the nomination of Hurt. Campolo is an attorney in the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Campolo will assume his interim post on Friday when current Essex County prosecutor, Clifford J. Minor, leaves office.

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