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#### **Whitman Applauds Philadelphia Pick for Republican Convention**

NJ Gov. Christie Whitman applauded the decision by the Republican National Committee's site-selection committee to hold the GOP's National Convention in Philadelphia in the year 2000.

"I joined with Governor Ridge and Mayor Rendell in urging the committee to select Philadelphia because of the tremendous historical significance of the city and the enormous economic benefits that will flow to the Garden State," Gov. Whitman said.

"There is probably no better place to symbolize the American political tradition than in Philadelphia. And," she said, "there is no more appropriate place to keep that tradition alive than in the Greater Philadelphia area."

"We stand ready to work with Governor Ridge and Mayor Rendell to make this the best convention ever. We will lend all of the support necessary to ensure that convention delegates and others can enjoy the New Jersey shore, our historic sites and other tourist destinations," she said.

It is anticipated that the convention will bring more than 35,000 people to the region.