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Governor Murphy and Senator Menendez Highlight Joint Federal-State Efforts to Make New Jersey's Coast More Resilient to Future Storms

Governor Phil Murphy and Senator Bob Menendez marked the start of Memorial Day Weekend and the Jersey Shore tourism season by highlighting joint federal-state efforts to make New Jersey's coastline more resilient to future

storms and the impacts of sea-level rise caused by global climate change.

"New Jersey's shoreline and coastal communities are key to our state's \$45 billion tourism economy and are integral to our identity as a state," said Governor Murphy. "Our collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and our local communities to strengthen our beach infrastructure will enhance our coastal resiliency and preserve and protect the Jersey shore from major storms."

"We're here not only to celebrate another wonderful Memorial Day weekend at the Jersey Shore, but yet another milestone in our recovery from Superstorm Sandy," said U.S. Senator Bob Menendez. "The pristine beaches we see today are the result of your federal tax dollars at work. If Sandy taught us anything, it's that our beaches need to be strong. Our beaches and dunes are our frontline defense to shield our homes, businesses, iconic boardwalks and coastal towns from powerful storms and the pounding waves and ruthless winds they bring."

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Governor Murphy Highlights Budget Investments to Make Community College Tuition-Free

Governor Phil Murphy highlighted the value of the Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG) program, which has made community college tuition-free for thousands of students at county colleges across the state during the Spring 2019 semester. The Governor's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget proposes to expand this program to students

statewide in both the fall and spring semesters of the 2019-2020 academic year. The initial Community College Opportunity Grant pilot started in January 2019 at 13 county colleges, and earlier this month was expanded to cover students at all of New Jersey's 19 county colleges for the Spring 2019 semester.

"New Jersey's community college students should be able to obtain a college degree without accruing large amounts of debt," said Governor Murphy. "College affordability is the foundation on which we will build a stronger middle class, and the Community College Opportunity Grant program is exactly the boost New Jersey's students and communities need to thrive."

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Attorney General Grewal, Division of Highway Traffic Safety Announce "101 Days of Summer" Traffic Safety Campaign Ahead of Busy Summer Travel Season

Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal and the Division of Highway Traffic Safety announced the start of a statewide campaign to enhance safety on New Jersey roads during the busy summer travel season.



Members of the federal, state, county, and local law enforcement and traffic safety communities gathered on the boardwalk outside the Asbury Park Convention Hall to support the kick-off of the "101 Days of Summer" traffic safety campaign, which will run between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day.

"Ensuring the safety of New Jersey residents and visitors is our top priority and that means making sure our roadways are safe for all who use them, especially during the busy summer travel season," said Attorney General Grewal. "New Jersey's recreational and entertainment destinations create heavy travel demands on our roadways during the summer. We are working to ensure that New Jersey residents and visitors arrive at their destinations safely."

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Department of Agriculture Announces Start of Strawberry Season

New Jersey Department of Agriculture Secretary Doug Fisher announced the start of strawberry season. Secretary Fisher highlighted the Department's website, FindJerseyFresh.com, for a listing of places where



fresh New Jersey produce is available.

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Governor Murphy and First Lady Tammy Murphy Host Iftar Celebration

Governor Murphy and First Lady Tammy Murphy held an iftar celebration to bring together Muslim and non-Muslim New Jerseyans for a night of prayer, community, and food at Drumthwacket Ramadan Mubarak.

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