

Office of the Governor

NEWS RELEASE

PO BOX 004
TRENTON, NJ 08625

CONTACT: Pete McDonough
609-777-2600

RELEASE: April 24, 1998

Gov. Whitman Accepts Resignation of Secretary Hooks

Gov. Christie Whitman today accepted the resignation of Secretary of State Lonna R. Hooks. Hooks' resignation becomes effective on June 30, 1998 when she will become the executive director of the Global Leadership Institute at Bloomfield College.

"Lonna has been an important member of my cabinet. She has played a key role in helping to guide our 'Many Faces One Family' initiative and our programs to encourage outreach to the many minority communities in New Jersey. Her service to the people of New Jersey has been commendable," the Governor said.

A copy of secretary Hooks' letter to the Governor is attached.