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Honorable Jack Collins
Assembly Speaker
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Honorable Richard J. Codey
Senate Minority Leader
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Honorable Joseph V. Doria, Jr.
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**RE: Annual Report on Reprieves, Pardons and Commutations granted during the period
from January 1, 2000 to January 31, 2001**

Dear Senator Palaia, Senator Codey, Assemblyman Collins and Assemblyman Doria:

As you know, under New Jersey State law, the Governor is responsible for granting reprieves, pardons and commutations. A reprieve provides temporary relief from the execution of a criminal punishment or sentence, while a pardon forgives a person for past criminal conduct. A commutation allows someone currently serving a sentence to be released from incarceration or have his or her sentence reduced.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2A:167-3.1, I hereby file this report to advise you that my predecessor, former Governor Christine Todd Whitman, granted a total of twelve (12) pardons during the period from January 1, 2000 to January 31, 2001. On January 30, 2001, the following individuals were granted pardons by Governor Whitman:

Jonathan Clapp - Mr. Clapp was convicted of four counts of burglary in the third degree and was sentenced on October 31, 1986 to a five-year term of probation and ordered to pay a VCCB penalty of \$30. In a news release dated January 30, 2001, Governor Whitman explained that the information contained in Mr. Clapp's application for a pardon demonstrated that he was a deserving applicant.

Garlen Steven Curry - Mr. Curry was convicted of unlawful possession of a weapon in the third degree and possession of a prohibited device in the fourth degree. On October 11, 1991, Mr. Curry was sentenced and ordered to pay an aggregate fine of \$1,000 and a

VCCB penalty of \$60. In a news release dated January 30, 2001, Governor Whitman explained that the information contained in Mr. Curry's application for a pardon demonstrated that he was a deserving applicant.

Diane Louise (McCartney) Delaney - Ms. Delaney was convicted of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. She was sentenced on February 22, 1985 to a five-year term of probation, a 364-day term of imprisonment, the completion of an inpatient alcohol treatment program for a minimum of 42 days and a fine of \$1,000 and VCCB penalty of \$75. In a news release dated January 30, 2001, Governor Whitman explained that the information contained in Ms. Delaney's application for a pardon demonstrated that she was a deserving applicant.

Michael Joseph DeVito - Mr. DeVito was convicted of offensive language, disorderly conduct and three counts of assault and sentenced on July 27, 1964, October 12, 1964, August 9, 1965, January 22, 1968 and December 8, 1970, respectively, to a six-month suspended sentence and ordered to pay a \$75 fine and court costs totaling \$20. In a news release dated January 30, 2001, Governor Whitman explained that the information contained in Mr. DeVito's application for a pardon demonstrated that he was a deserving applicant.

Russell Leitch - Mr. Leitch was convicted of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, a disorderly person offense, and was sentenced on August 20, 1970 and ordered to pay a fine of \$50. In a news release dated January 30, 2001, Governor Whitman explained that the information contained in Mr. Leitch's application for a pardon demonstrated that he was a deserving applicant.

Michael McMahon - Mr. McMahon was convicted of theft in the third degree and was sentenced on June 19, 1987 to a 30-month term of probation, 150 hours of community service and ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000, restitution of \$558.65 and a VCCB penalty of \$30. In a news release dated January 30, 2001, Governor Whitman explained that the information contained in Mr. McMahon's application for a pardon demonstrated that he was a deserving applicant.

Rupert Nunn, Sr. - Mr. Nunn was convicted of assault and battery and was sentenced on March 13, 1959 to a two-year term of probation. In a news release dated January 30, 2001, Governor Whitman explained that the information contained in Mr. Nunn's application for a pardon demonstrated that he was a deserving applicant.

Carma Storcella - Mrs. Storcella was convicted by a jury of the crimes of bookmaking, conspiracy to commit gambling, working for a lottery, possession of lottery slips and permitting a lottery on the premises. She was sentenced on February 2, 1972 to four concurrent, six-month terms of incarceration and ordered to pay fines of \$3,000. Mrs. Storcella was also convicted by a jury of the crimes of conspiracy to commit gambling and bookmaking and was sentenced May 5, 1972 to three concurrent, six-month terms of incarceration and fines totaling \$1,500. In a news release dated January 30, 2001, Governor Whitman explained that the information contained in Mrs. Storcella's application for a pardon demonstrated that she was a deserving applicant.

Lauren Thaler - Ms. Thaler was convicted of possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute in the second degree. Ms. Thaler was sentenced on June 3, 1988 to a two-year term of probation, a six-month revocation of driving privileges and ordered to pay VCCB and other court penalties totaling \$1,080. In a news release

dated January 30, 2001, Governor Whitman explained that the information contained in Ms. Thaler's application for a pardon demonstrated that she was a deserving applicant.

Christine J. (Collins) Thorne - Ms. Thorne was convicted of possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of a controlled dangerous substance with the intent to distribute. She was sentenced on April 17, 1984 to a one-year term of probation, 100 hours of community service and a \$100 fine. In a news release dated January 30, 2001, Governor Whitman explained that the information contained in Ms. Thorne's application for a pardon demonstrated that she was a deserving applicant.

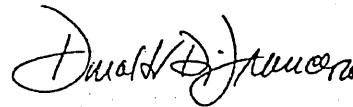
Steven Warner - Mr. Warner was convicted of distribution of a controlled substance in the fourth degree and possession of narcotic paraphernalia. Mr. Warner was sentenced on March 28, 1989 to a two-year term of probation, a 30-day term of incarceration, a six-month revocation of driving privileges, submission to a substance abuse evaluation and routine urine monitoring, and ordered to pay a total of \$1,400 in penalties. In a news release dated January 30, 2001, Governor Whitman explained that the information contained in Mr. Warner's application for a pardon demonstrated that he was a deserving applicant.

Governor Whitman granted a limited pardon to the following individual:

Thomas E. Murray - Mr. Murray was convicted to one count of receiving stolen property and was sentenced on or about February 2, 1989 to a three-year term of probation. Mr. Murray also was convicted of three disorderly persons offenses and was ordered on or about March 17, 1989 to pay a \$525 fine; convicted of larceny and was sentenced on or about May 17, 1989 to a one-year term of probation and ordered to pay a \$220 fine; convicted of shoplifting and was sentenced on or about July 18, 1989 to a one-year term of probation and ordered to pay a \$275 fine. Mr. Murray's pardon was limited insofar as it did not remove the legal disabilities of his conviction under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1, the school employee disqualification statute. In a news release dated January 30, 2001, Governor Whitman explained that the information contained in Mr. Warner's application for a pardon demonstrated that he was a deserving applicant.

Governor Whitman did not grant any reprieves or commutations during the period from January 1, 2000 to January 31, 2001.

Sincerely yours,



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Acting Governor