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#### **Gov. Whitman Response to Passage of Open Space Initiative**

New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman issued the following statement after the passage of SCR 66, a proposed amendment to the NJ Constitution that would establish the stable source of funding for the preservation of one million acres of farmland and open space in New Jersey that the Governor called for in her Inaugural Address in January:

"The overwhelming approval of our initiative by the Senate and the Assembly marks one of the most important and gratifying moments I have had since taking office.

"This is a great day for all of us, for our children and for all future New Jerseyans. The adoption of this constitutional amendment will leave a legacy that can never be erased.

"Policy directives will come and go. But, the preservation effort envisioned in this program will last forever. Future generations will look to the passage of this resolution as one of the most important and defining events in determining the quality of life in New Jersey for the next millennium.

"The passage of this resolution is only the beginning of a four-month campaign for voter approval of one of the most important things our voters can do for New Jersey."