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### GOV. WHITMAN HAILS SUPREME COURT'S REFUSAL TO HEAR APPEAL OF MEGAN'S LAW

Gov. Christie Whitman today hailed the US Supreme Court's final action on Megan's Law noting that the state had always believed that it was within its constitutional rights to require community notification for convicted sex offenders.

"The tragedy of Megan Kanka's death will never be erased, but I am hopeful that today's action by the Supreme Court will bring some comfort for the Kanka family and some further security to our communities," Gov. Whitman said.

"The Supreme Court's decision to not hear the appeal brought by the Public Defender on behalf of sex offenders was the last legal hurdle to be crossed. It was the right decision by the Court and I am pleased by their action," she said.

"New Jersey has already been implementing Megan's Law because we believe that it is our right and obligation to provide every protection for communities from potentially dangerous sex offenders. We will continue to do so," she added.

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