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Gov. Whitman Announces Nomination of John S. Terhune to Commissioner of Corrections

Gov. Christie Whitman today announced the nomination of Bergen County Sheriff John S. "Jack" Terhune, of Teaneck, to be Commissioner of Corrections.

"Jack Terhune has a stellar record in law enforcement as sheriff of Bergen County. I am proud to nominate him to be New Jersey's next Commissioner of Corrections," said Gov. Whitman. "Jack brings with him a commitment to preserving public safety and a wealth of experience in the development and management of efficient, tough corrections programs."

"I have full confidence that Jack will be an effective leader in protecting the people of New Jersey and in bringing modern management to the state's correctional system," she said. "I look forward to having Jack Terhune as a member of my team."

As Commissioner, Terhune would oversee the management of New Jersey's 14 correctional facilities and a prison population of approximately 27,000.

"I am honored by the confidence the Governor has shown in me. I look forward to working with the Administration and the men and women who keep our corrections system safe and secure," Terhune said.

Terhune has served since 1991 as Sheriff of Bergen County, where he was elected three times by popular vote. As the county's chief law enforcement officer, Terhune has successfully managed a \$33 million budget without line-item increases over three years. Terhune implemented an overtime cost reduction program that resulted in a 40 percent decrease in overtime expenses.

Terhune also designed and implemented the state's first in-house drug treatment program for a county jail - a program that is helping to get inmates off drugs and get them out of the corrections system for good. He also

initiated the state's largest D.A.R.E. program to keep Bergen County youth off drugs and off the streets.

Prior to his election as Bergen County Sheriff, Terhune served for more than 20 years with the Teaneck Police Department.

Terhune is a graduate of Rutgers University and received a masters in criminal justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice - City University of New York (C.U.N.Y.).

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