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**Governor and Senators Torricelli and Lautenberg
to Visit Ellis Island On July 4th,
Hoist New Jersey Flag Amidst 50-Gun Salute, Flyover by F-16 Fighters
Governor to Sign Law to Extend Veteran's Benefits**

Gov. Christie Whitman, U.S. Senators Robert Torricelli and Frank Lautenberg, and Mayor Brett Schundler on Saturday will celebrate Independence Day by visiting Ellis Island, complete with a 50-gun salute and a flyover by F-16 fighter planes. The Governor and the Senator will hoist the New Jersey flag on the island, marking their first time on the island since the U.S. Supreme ruled that the majority of the island belongs to New Jersey.

During the visit, the Governor will sign legislation to extend veterans' preferences to participants in peace-keeping operations in Somalia, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Gov. Whitman and Sen. Torricelli will begin the trip at Liberty State Park and will ride the Circle Line Ferry to Ellis Island. Members of the press are welcome to join them for the ferry ride.

Gov. Whitman will sign the legislation, S-1155 during a ceremony in front of the main building.

(NOTE: In case of inclement weather, ceremony will take place in the Registry Room on the 2nd Floor of the main building.)

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