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Governor Whitman Modifies Governor's Office on Volunteerism

Gov. Christie Whitman signed Executive Order 107 authorizing that the Advisory Council of the Governor's Office on Volunteerism now include the Secretary of State - expanding its membership to a total of 42, including ex officio members.

"Community service, whether it involves teaching young people, spending quality time with the elderly, working in a food bank or volunteering at your church, is a wonderful gift to our many faces - but one family - of New Jersey," said Gov. Whitman. "And not just during the holidays, but all year long."

"During this past year, I carried out my commitment to teach one fourth grade class each month as a way to set an example about the importance of volunteerism in our communities," continued Gov. Whitman. "But it's our Office on Volunteerism, now in the Department of State, that actively promotes the growth of this worthy cause throughout the state in its contribution to making New Jersey a better place to live, work and raise a family."

The Advisory Council's Ex officio members include the Commissioners of Community Affairs, Education, Environmental Protection, Health, Human Services and Transportation; the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs; the Attorney General; the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission, the Executive Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; the Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Community Service; and the Secretary of State, or their designees, as well as one representative of a federal volunteer program.

This past August, Gov. Whitman signed Executive Order 99 transferring the Governor's Office on volunteerism to the Department of State from the Department of Human Services in order to better coordinate volunteer and community resources with its existing network of cultural, educational and historical programs.