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Governor Whitman Names Members of Cabinet

Gov. Christie Whitman today announced the reappointment of 11 members of her cabinet and recognized them for the role they have played in reforming the state's government and making New Jersey a better place to live, work and raise a family.

"Today I am proud to reappoint a number of members of my cabinet - proud of what we have accomplished together as a team," said Gov. Whitman. "This team has accomplished a great deal and there's no reason to break up a winning team."

"Together, during the second term of this administration, we will work to ensure that New Jersey remains an economic leader, that our citizens are safe on the streets, that our children receive the world class education they need to succeed in the next century and that every New Jerseyan has an opportunity to succeed," said the Governor.

The Governor reappointed the following members of her cabinet:

Arthur Brown, Jr. as Secretary of Agriculture - Brown has served as secretary of the Department of Agriculture for 16 years. His major accomplishments include the establishment of the "Jersey Fresh" produce marketing campaign, extensive farmland preservation and soil and water conservation.

Elizabeth "Lisa" Randall as Commissioner of Banking and Insurance - Randall has served as commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance since July 1996. Commissioner Randall served as commissioner of the Department of Banking prior to the merger of the Departments of Insurance and Banking. Randall oversaw the consolidation of the two departments and was instrumental in the enactment of insurance reforms earlier this year which cracked down on auto insurance fraud and ended automatic rate increases, automatic surcharges and the dropping of good drivers by insurance companies.

Herbert H. Tate as President of the Board of Public Utilities - Tate has served as president of the Board of Public Utilities since 1994. President Tate has spearheaded the deregulation of New Jersey's electric, natural gas and telecommunications industry and was a leader in the restructuring of the state's energy tax.

Gualberto "Gil" Medina as Commissioner of Commerce - Medina has served as commissioner of the Department of Commerce since 1994. Medina has reformed the state's approach to attracting and retaining businesses. Medina has been successful in implementing job creation and urban redevelopment policies in New Jersey, helping the state create more than 220,000 net new jobs since the beginning of the Whitman administration.

Jane M. Kenny as Commissioner of Community Affairs - Kenny has served as commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs since May 1996. She previously served as the Governor's chief of policy and planning. As commissioner, Kenny has implemented the Governor's aggressive housing and urban redevelopment policies, including the creation of a home ownership assistance program, the construction of more affordable housing and a comprehensive initiative to revitalize the city of Camden.

Robert C. Shinn, Jr. as Commissioner of Environmental Protection - Shinn has served as commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection since 1994. Shinn has promoted a strong environmental enforcement presence in New Jersey, while emphasizing compliance assistance and cooperation. He oversaw the development of the National Environmental Performance Partnership System with the federal EPA, implemented the nation's first facility-wide permit program and assisted in the preservation of an unprecedented amount of open space in New Jersey.

Len Fishman as Commissioner of Health and Senior Services - Len Fishman has served as commissioner of the Department of Health since 1994. He was instrumental in the development of guidelines for the emerging HMO industry to ensure consumer protection. Commissioner Fishman led the development of long term care options like assisted living and has shown a commitment to public health in encouraging AIDS awareness and a statewide campaign to combat use of cigarettes by New Jersey youth.

William Waldman as Commissioner of Human Services - Waldman has served as commissioner of the Department of Human Services since 1992. He also served as acting commissioner of the department from September 1989 until March 1990. During Gov. Whitman's first term, Waldman oversaw the implementation of WorkFirst New Jersey, an historic welfare reform initiative that encourages personal responsibility, requires recipients to work, puts a time limit on benefits and provides recipients with the supports they need to get off, and stay off, of the welfare rolls. Waldman has been a strong advocate of the state's developmentally disabled and mentally ill, enacting programs to improve access to and quality of state programs and assistance.

Mel Gelade as Commissioner of Labor - Gelade has served as commissioner of the Department of Labor since January. Gelade has overseen the continued expansion of economic development and workforce development programs which have helped New Jersey achieve its lowest unemployment rate since 1990.

Major General Paul J. Glazar as Commissioner of Military and Veterans' Affairs - Glazar has served as commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs since 1994. Glazar has overseen the expansion of veterans' services and an increase in available space in veterans' homes. He also helped lead the completion of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel and the initiation of the Korean War Veterans' Memorial project.

John J. Haley, Jr. as Commissioner of Transportation - Haley has served as commissioner of the Department of Transportation since January. Haley fought for New Jersey's fair share of federal transportation funding under the ISTEA program. He was a key negotiator in talks to avoid disruptions in service on NJ Transit during the Amtrak strike threat earlier this year. Haley oversaw the efficient awarding of the state's Transportation Trust Fund grants, which are crucial to the improvement and maintenance of New Jersey's local roadways.

Gov. Whitman has previously announced the reappointment of the following members of her Cabinet:

James DiEleuterio, Treasurer

Lonna Hooks, Secretary of State

Leo Klagholz, Commissioner of Education

Peter Verniero, Attorney General

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