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Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno Continues “Open for Business” Tour with Stop at Black Trumpet Restaurant in Spring Lake

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Overcoming Inventory Losses and an Extended Closure, Spring Lake Restaurant Is Open for Business

Trenton, NJ – Highlighting the resilience that has come to characterize New Jersey citizens and businesses in the wake of Superstorm Sandy, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today visited Spring Lake’s Black Trumpet restaurant, and encouraged New Jersey residents to support their local businesses.

“In the days following Superstorm Sandy, New Jerseyans have become known for their ability to overcome adversity in a way that makes us proud to represent such a strong state,” said Lt. Governor Guadagno. “Sandy left many business owners with devastating damage and revenue losses. Despite suffering these setbacks, the Black Trumpet restaurant has demonstrated incredible resolve and remains determined to continue and succeed.”

Mark Mikolajczyk, the Black Trumpet’s owner, describes his business as a white tablecloth, high-end seafood restaurant that offers a Jersey shore cuisine. The Black Trumpet suffered no structural damage from Superstorm Sandy, but lost \$18,000 in food inventory when it lost power. While things are improving, Mikolajczyk says it’s important for people to know that Spring Lake and its businesses are open.

“Business is getting better, but we’re down about 20 percent from where we should be,” said Mikolajczyk. “The only damage we’re really sustaining right now is economic damage from people not coming down to the shore. Other than the boardwalk, Spring Lake is 100 percent up and running and the Black Trumpet is here and open for business.”

In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, Governor Christie has made assisting affected New Jersey small businesses a priority. In addition to initiating a statewide business impact assessment in collaboration with the state’s leading business groups, the Christie Administration worked with the Small Business Administration to secure nearly \$189 million in loans for thousands of homes and small businesses, and provided lines of credit through the state’s Economic Development Authority for businesses awaiting insurance reimbursement, grants for job training, and benefits for displaced workers. New Jersey was also the recipient of a \$15.6 million National Emergency Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to hire unemployed state residents to assist with clean-up and recovery efforts.

Businesses are encouraged to call the state’s Business Action Center at 1-866-534-7789 for assistance and information on the many business advocacy services available through the state. Information is also available by visiting the state’s business portal at www.newjerseybusiness.gov.

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