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Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., and Darlene Masucci

ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES DURING COUNTY'S FEBRUARY TEAMWORK AWARD PROGRAM

Newark, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented the monthly Essex County Teamwork Awards to three Essex County employees. Teamwork Awards recognize employees for their hard work, dedication and willingness to provide quality.

Maria Robinson began her career with the Essex County Department of Parks in 2005 as the Office Administrator at the Essex County Environmental Center. Mrs. Robinson is a very detail-oriented individual and her organizational skills keep everything in order at the Environmental Center, which welcomes approximately 20,000 visitors annually. She is responsible for the Center's vendor and partner relations, processing requisitions and program registration in addition to the daily clerical duties of the administrative office. She is the first person visitors and program participants see when they enter the facility and she always welcomes everyone with a cheerful smile.

Darlene Masucci has been an Essex County employee for 29 years. For the past 13 years, she has been the Chief of Administrative Services in the Office of the Commissioner of Registration/Superintendent of Elections where she supervises the day-to-day operations of the office. Her responsibilities include preparing the annual budget, all Requests for Proposals and legal advertisements. She coordinated the administrative efforts for the historic November 2008 election where over 400 individuals came to the Hall of Records on Election Day requesting to see a Superior Court judge to verify their voting status. She implemented a step-by-step instructional manual for potential voters to follow and synchronized this plan with 16 Superior Court Judges, 16 Deputy Attorneys from the NJ Office of the Attorney General and five Sheriff's Officers. Her leadership abilities and organization skills helped to ensure that the Presidential election ran as smoothly as possible.

Gail Brown is an Employment Specialist in the Essex County Department of Economic Development. She is responsible for assessing employment barriers and referring her clients to appropriate training activities and providing support for Work First New Jersey Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) clients. Ms. Brown was recently recognized by the Belleville Public School District for going above and beyond the call of duty. She was notified by the school district that a child from one of her families was being honored for earning a perfect score on the NJASK 6 test, but needed transportation. Gail volunteered to take the child and her family to the event. She arrives early and stays late to make sure all of the clients receive the best service.