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

Newark, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented the monthly Essex County Teamwork Awards for May to three Essex County employees and a student from the Essex County Vocational Technical School District. Teamwork Awards recognize employees for their hard work, dedication and willingness to provide quality service and highlights student achievement.

Valentina Green joined the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, Division of Welfare 11 years ago. She began her employment as a Family Service Worker and has steadily worked her way up the ranks. Today she is an Assistant Administrative Supervisor in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program Office (SNAP). Many of the clients of this office are people who have been receiving assistance for several years, but still need food stamps. One of the reasons Ms. Green is being recognized is her ability to foster cooperation, collaboration and open communication. She brings these skills to the Division's Modernization Team and is working on various efforts to help improve services to our customers, enhance staff development and implement effective work procedures. The changes that the Division's staff faces along with the challenges inherent in refocusing an agency are made easier when there are participants like her creating environments of trust and commitment.

Michael Davidson, Sr. has been a Detective in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office for 20 years. During this time he has served in many units, Juvenile, Auto Theft Task Force, Narcotics and Homicide, to name a few. He was recently promoted to the position of Acting Sergeant of Detectives in the Adult Trial Section, and has even served on special assignment with U.S. Customs. One of the special things about him is his devotion to supporting youngsters as they find their way through life. For years now, he has been Head Coach of the Lady Spartans basketball team at Bloomfield Tech, which has won three NJ State Championships under his leadership. He even earned the title of Star-Ledger Coach of the Year in 2006! Mr. Davidson also visits local schools to speak with students about the importance of achieving academically and athletically.