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NJ State NAACP Appreciates Governor for Juneteenth Day Recognition

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The New Jersey State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NJSCNAACP) appreciates the special recognition of Juneteenth Day by Governor Christopher Christie because the elimination of slavery changed the legal status of people of African ancestry in the United States of America. The Governor is commended for presenting this program in the State House.

While it is notable that we commemorate the history of freedom, The NJSCNAACP is very concerned about proposed policies of Governor Christie which will reverse some of the programs and policies that were created to insure equal opportunities and justice in New Jersey. The NJSCNAACP appeals to the Governor to reconsider and reverse his decisions and proposals that are destructive to the civil rights of African Americans and other minorities and poor residents in New Jersey.

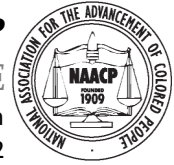
The NJSCNAACP believes that the following programs are essential to education, economic, political and social equality of all residents in New Jersey:

- Reappointment of New Jersey Supreme Court Justice John Wallace
- Full implementation of the New Jersey Supreme Court Mount Laurel Decisions
- Maintain adequate funding for higher education, especially the Educational Opportunity Fund Program and the Tuition Aid Grant program
- Full funding of and full compliance with the Education Reform Act of 2008
- Full funding of the free and reduced lunch program in schools
- Extension of income tax for individuals earning more than \$400,000
- Adequate funding for implementation of the New Jersey Amistad law
- Appointment of more African Americans and other underrepresented minorities in the administration
- Aggressive enforcement of affirmative action and equal opportunities policies and programs, especially those that were created to increase economic opportunities for African American businesses

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- Rejection of any education voucher that divert scarce financial resources from public schools to non public schools

The NJSCNAACP looks forward to meeting with the Governor and cabinet members to discuss the most effective ways to implement programs that will eliminate racial disparity and discrimination in the New Jersey.

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Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunity in education and in the public and private sectors. The NAACP is organized into State Conferences and Regions, and the New Jersey State Conference has 41 units or branches throughout the state. For more information about the New Jersey State NAACP, please visit us on the web at www.njnaacp.org.