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COUNTIES APPLAUD BI-PARTISAN EFFORT TO EXTEND CAP ON BINDING INTEREST ARBITRATION AWARDS

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(Trenton) The New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) commends Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Steve Sweeney, and Speaker of the General Assembly Vincent Prieto for their leadership in collaborating on a fair and equitable compromise to extend the 2% cap on binding interest arbitration awards through December 31, 2017.

“Congratulations to the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the General Assembly for reaching an accord that appropriately acknowledges the sacrifices made by our public safety employees and their families, and the unprecedented economic times we’re struggling through as a nation,” commented French.

NJAC has been advocating to extend the 2% cap as a critical tool that will allow county governments to continue delivering essential services in a cost effective manner. NJAC’s Board of Directors respects and admires the police, firefighters, corrections officers, and sheriffs’ officers that put their lives on the line every day to protect the communities in which they serve, but also recognizes the complex and demanding fiscal realities that required swift action on this important and timely matter.

“Extending the 2% cap on binding interest arbitration awards will permit county and municipal governments across the State to effectively manage public safety employee salaries and personnel costs saving valuable taxpayer dollars,” said NJAC President and Monmouth County Clerk Claire French.

NJAC is committed to advocating for legislation, regulations, and policy directives that empower county governments to operate more effectively and efficiently. As a non-partisan organization that represents the only true regional form of government in the State with a unified and proactive voice, NJAC is dedicated to advancing innovative programs and initiatives that enhance the level of service provided and save valuable taxpayer dollars. Please visit our website at www.njac.org for additional details about our growing organization.