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First Quarter Revenues Close to Budget Projections Snapshot predates full impact of Wall Street Turmoil

TRENTON – State Treasurer David Rousseau announced today that revenue collections through the first quarter of FY 2009 came in close to projections, totaling \$6.51 billion, which is \$47.1 million (-0.7 percent) below estimates for the period.

"While we are gratified that total collections to date have come in close to targets, we are obviously mindful that these figures are a limited snapshot of what is an evolving economic picture," Rousseau said, noting that first quarter revenues represent about 20 percent of total collections for the fiscal year. "These revenues do not fully reflect the impact from the recent problems on Wall Street, so we will keep close watch of how the economic climate influences our collections for the current year."

For the quarter, Gross Income Tax revenues totaled \$2.17 billion, which is \$36 million (-1.7 percent) under target. Corporation Business Tax collections came in at \$553 million for the quarter, which is \$31.4 million (+6 percent) above target. Since there is a one month lag in reporting, Sales Tax collections of \$2.11 billion reflect two months of activity, finishing \$58.6 million (-2.7 percent) under target for that period.

"A state's best defense against an economic downturn is an austere budget that is built around highly conservative revenues estimates," he said. "Governor Corzine and the Legislature had the prudence and foresight to enact a budget earlier this year that has positioned New Jersey well for this downturn," noting that the budget contained the largest year to year cut in appropriations – \$600 million – in state history, as part of \$3 billion in total spending restrictions. Those cuts include reductions in the operational budget of every state department.

"We will continue to monitor revenues and are preparing other contingencies should collections fail to support FY 09 spending obligations," he said.

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REVENUE SOURCE BUDGET VS EARNED FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 (\$ Thousands)

v		September		Variance		% Variance Over/(Under) Budget	
		Budget		Earned			
Revenue Source							
Gross Income	\$	2,212,000	\$	2,175,396	\$	(36,604)	(1.7%)
Sales		2,176,000		2,117,390		(58,610)	(2.7%)
Corporation Business		522,000		553,427		31,427	6.0%
Lottery		203,600		203,751		151	0.1%
Motor Fuels		143,400		138,548		(4,852)	(3.4%)
Motor Vehicle Fees (b)		-		-		-	-
Transfer Inheritance		173,700		211,960		38,260	22.0%
Casino Revenue		105,100		102,313		(2,787)	(2.7%)
Insurance Premium		800		2,964		2,164	270.5%
Cigarette (a)		-		-		-	-
Petroleum Products Gross Receipts		60,500		57,735		(2,765)	(4.6%)
Corp. Banks & Financial Institutions		13,300		19,901		6,601	49.6%
Alcoholic Beverage Excise		15,400		15,620		220	1.4%
Realty Transfer		101,600		86,215		(15,385)	(15.1%)
Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales (a)		3,100		2,554		(546)	(17.6%)
Public Utility		<u> </u>				-	-
Total	\$	5,730,500	\$	+ , ,	\$	(42,726)	(0.7%)
All Other		831,500		827,140		(4,361)	(0.5%)
Total Revenues	\$	6,562,000	_\$	6,514,914	_\$	(47,087)	(0.7%)

⁽a) Pursuant to P.L. 06-37, revenue collections of \$370.0 million from the cigarette and tobacco products wholesale sales taxes are deposited in the Health Care Subsidy Fund starting with fiscal year 2007. Pursuant to P.L. 04-69 \$0.0325 per cigarette is dedicated to pay debt service on the Cigarette Securitization Bonds.

⁽b) Pursuant to P.L. 03-13, \$209.4 million of FY 2009 Motor Vehicle Fee collections are dedicated to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

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REVENUE SOURCE BUDGET VERSUS EARNED MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2008 (\$ Thousands)

	SEPTEMBER			Variance Over/(Under)		% Variance Over/(Under)	
•		Budget	Earned	Budget		Budget	
Revenue Source							
Gross Income	\$	1,340,000	\$ 1,297,647	\$	(42,353)	(3.2%)	
Sales		754,000	688,520		(65,480)	(8.7%)	
Corporation Business		387,000	418,792		31,792	8.2%	
Lottery		66,200	64,146		(2,054)	(3.1%)	
Motor Fuels		45,800	43,912		(1,888)	(4.1%)	
Motor Vehicle Fees (b)			-			-	
Transfer Inheritance		51,500	62,875		11,375	22.1%	
Casino Revenue		33,700	28,660		(5,040)	(15.0%)	
Insurance Premium		-	614		614	-	
Cigarette (a)		-	-		-	-	
Petroleum Products Gross Receipts		19,100	16,356		(2,744)	(14.4%	
Corp. Banks & Financial Institutions		11,000	15,435		4,435	40.3%	
Alcoholic Beverage Excise		-	82		82	-	
Realty Transfer		33,400	28,640		(4,760)	(14.3%	
Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales (a)		1,500	1,065		(435)	(29.0%	
Public Utility		<u> </u>			<u> </u>	-	
Total	\$	2,743,200	\$ 2,666,744	\$	(76,456)	(2.8%	
All Other		277,200	276,008		(1,192)	(0.4%	
Total Revenues	\$	3,020,400	\$ 2,942,752	\$	(77,648)	(2.6%	

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY MONTH AND YEAR-TO-DATE CASH COLLECTIONS Fiscal 2009 - September 2008 VERSUS 2007

(\$ Thousands)

SEPTE	MBER	%		SEPTEMBER - YTD				
2007	2008	Change		 2007	2008		Change	
\$ 1,118,224	\$ 1,127,647	0.8%	Gross Income Tax	\$ 1,701,902	\$	1,688,396	(0.8%)	
715,458	656,520	(8.2%)	Sales	1,432,122		1,363,390	(4.8%)	
403,639	418,792	3.8%	Corporation Business	538,444		553,427	2.8	
62,971	64,146	1.9%	Lottery	216,505		203,751	(5.9)	
50,144	45,412	(9.4%)	Motor Fuels	97,678		92,748	(5.0%)	
-	-		Motor Vehicle Fees (b)	-		-	-	
60,172	62,875	4.5	Transfer Inheritance	181,005		211,960	17.1	
34,438	28,660	(16.8)	Casino Revenue	109,438		102,313	(6.5)	
(6,760)	614	-	Insurance Premium	(12,727)		2,964	-	
	-		Cigarette (a)	-		<i>,</i>	-	
19,705	18,356	(6.8%)	Petroleum Products Gross Receipts	40,237		38,635	(4.0%)	
13,586	15,435	13.6%	Corp. Banks & Financial Institutions	16,787		19,901	18.6	
15,190	15,382	1.3%	Alcoholic Beverage Excise	15,274		15,620	2.3	
32,363	26,440	(18.3)	Realty Transfer	70,321		52,815	(24.9)	
1,273	1,065	(16.3%)	Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales (a)	2,663		2,554	(4.1%)	
		-	Public Utility	 		<u>-</u>	· -	
\$ 2,520,403	\$ 2,481,344	(1.5%)	Total Major Revenues	\$ 4,409,649	\$	4,348,474	(1.4%	
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