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**ALLOCATION OF RACING DATES FOR)
THOROUGHBRED AND STANDARD BRED) ORDER
PERMIT HOLDERS FOR 2016)**

The Racing Commission having timely received race date applications from the Meadowlands Racetrack, Monmouth Park and Freehold Raceway.

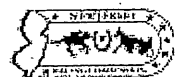
And, the Racing Commission having considered all information submitted in connection with the applications, from staff and public comment offered at its November 18, 2015 public meeting;

And, the standardbred application of the Meadowlands Racetrack, NMRLLC - consisting of 90 calendar race dates beginning January 2, 2016;

And, the standardbred application of Freehold Raceway consisting of 110 calendar race dates from January 1 through May 21, 2016, and from August 26 through December 10, 2016;

And, the thoroughbred application of Monmouth Park, NJTHA, consisting of 57 calendar race dates starting May 14, 2016 and ending September 25, 2016;

And, the thoroughbred application of the Monmouth Park at Meadowlands, NJTHA, for 14 race dates from September 8 through October 8, 2016;



And, the Racing Commission having found that approval of the race date applications would be in the public interest as set forth in N.J.S.A. 5:5-22 et seq., specifically as provided for in N.J.S.A. 5:5-43 and -44;

And, the Racing Commission having found that approval of said dates is consistent with the Racing Commission's obligation to endeavor to allot to each applicant the dates requested in the respective applications after giving due consideration to all factors involved, including the interests of such applicants, the industry participants, and the public;

And, the Racing Commission having found that the proposed schedule of standardbred racing dates allows for an orderly transition of standardbred horses from one facility to another, provides for continuity of standardbred racing, and reflects a schedule approaching year-round harness racing;

And, the Racing Commission having further found that the proposed schedule of standardbred racing dates will serve to promote the standardbred racing industry, maintain and enhance the employment which it provides, provide revenue to the State and horsemen, help the State maintain and improve its competitive position in relation to neighboring states, and provide for recreational opportunities for New Jersey residents who desire to attend standardbred races;

And, the Racing Commission having found that approval of the thoroughbred race date applications, while not achieving a year-round circuit, will provide for a reasonable continuity of racing from May 14 through October 8, 2016;

And, the Racing Commission having found that approval of the proposed thoroughbred race date schedule shall serve to: promote the thoroughbred industry, maintain and enhance the employment which thoroughbred racing provides, encourage horses to stay in New Jersey, provide the maximum possible revenue to the State and to the New Jersey horsemen, help maintain New Jersey's competitive position in relation to neighboring states, and provide for recreational opportunities for New Jersey residents who desire to attend thoroughbred races;

And, the Racing Commission having found that the race dates applied for satisfy the conditions of the "Off-Track and Account Wagering Act" as amended;

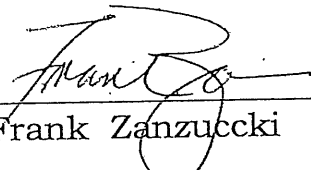
And, the Racing Commission having considered the application for race dates for both standardbred and thoroughbred race horses making respective allocations of race dates for each horse breed, the Commission is mindful of the benefits of providing a continuity of thoroughbred and standardbred racing between and amongst each race horse breed to the extent feasible, while minimizing harmful intrastate competition.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1) The 2016 thoroughbred race date applications of Monmouth Park, and Monmouth Park at Meadowlands, subject to conditions recommended by the Executive Director, are each approved; and
- 2) The 2016 standardbred race date applications of the Meadowlands (NMRLLC) Racetrack and Freehold Raceway, subject to the conditions recommended by the Executive Director, are each approved.

This Order of Allocation memorializes the action taken by the New Jersey Racing Commission at its November 18, 2015 meeting.

NEW JERSEY RACING COMMISSION

BY: 
Frank Zanzuccki

12/15/15
Date