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***Strong Collections from Gross Income Tax and Corporation Business Tax for
December Bolster Year-to-Date Revenue Growth***

TRENTON – The Department of the Treasury reported Thursday that cash collections for December totaled over \$2.69 billion, bringing year-to-date revenues to \$11.36 billion halfway through Fiscal Year 2015. December's results show yearly revenues up 7.2 percent, ahead of the Fiscal Year 2015 Projected Growth Rate against Fiscal Year 2014 certified revenues of 5.2 percent.

Collections from Gross Income Tax, Sales Tax and Corporation Business Tax, New Jersey's three largest revenue sources, totaled approximately \$2.36 billion in December. Compared to Fiscal Year 2014, year-to-date revenues through December are now up 26.7 percent for Corporation Business Tax and 9.7 percent for Gross Income Tax, outpacing their projected growth rates of 6.5 percent and 4.8 percent for each source, respectively.

The growth in Gross Income Tax revenue last month and year-to-date must be partially attributed to the fact that December 2014 had one more Wednesday --- the heaviest day of the week for wage withholding tax payments --- than December 2013.

December cash collections also included revenue derived from a tax payment initiative conducted last fall by the Division of Taxation, which provided taxpayers who settled their outstanding accounts with an expedited way to apply for reduced penalties and collection fees. Over the course of November and December, more than 26,000 individuals and business entities participated in the limited-time, experimental program and paid approximately \$75 million in back taxes, tracking the State's overall FY15 revenue expectations.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MONTH AND YEAR-TO-DATE CASH COLLECTIONS
Fiscal Year 2015 - DECEMBER 2014 versus 2013

(\$ Thousands)

DECEMBER		% Change		DECEMBER YTD		% Change	FY 2015 Projected * Growth Rate
2013	2014			2013	2014		
\$ 1,049,756	\$ 1,266,080	20.6%	Gross Income Tax	\$ 4,557,403	\$ 4,999,785	9.7%	4.8%
670,151	659,236	(1.6%)	Sales	3,536,363	3,632,433	2.7%	5.5%
314,942	442,401	40.5%	Corporation Business	930,123	1,178,880	26.7%	6.5%
87,457	80,546	(7.9%)	Lottery	470,498	433,200	(7.9%)	7.4%
36,403	36,975	1.6%	Motor Fuels	219,303	217,099	(1.0%)	0.9%
40,736	54,403	33.6%	Motor Vehicle Fees (a)	63,010	72,711	15.4%	1.3%
50,649	57,765	14.0%	Transfer Inheritance	346,635	366,372	5.7%	6.0%
11,551	11,896	3.0%	Casino Revenue	103,655	99,219	(4.3%)	17.6%
828	4,257	414.1%	Insurance Premium	30,521	25,980	(14.9%)	6.8%
-	-	-	Cigarette (b)	-	-	-	-20.0%
17,813	16,254	(8.8%)	Petroleum Products Gross Receipts	94,532	90,066	(4.7%)	0.9%
34,741	46,055	32.6%	Corp. Banks & Financial Institutions	95,062	81,298	(14.5%)	6.6%
159	213	34.0%	Alcoholic Beverage Excise	32,083	32,979	2.8%	1.9%
17,380	19,287	11.0%	Realty Transfer	112,600	122,351	8.7%	18.7%
1,195	1,272	6.4%	Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales (a)	9,191	9,968	8.5%	0.0%
-	-	-	Public Utility	-	-	-	-
<u>\$ 2,333,761</u>	<u>\$ 2,696,640</u>	15.5%	Total Major Revenues	<u>\$ 10,600,979</u>	<u>\$ 11,362,341</u>	7.2%	5.2%

(a) Pursuant to P.L. 03-13, \$250.3 million of FY 2015 Motor Vehicle Fee collections are dedicated to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

(b) Pursuant to P.L. 06-37, revenue collections of \$396.5 million from the cigarette and tobacco products wholesale sales tax are deposited in the Health Care Subsidy Fund. Pursuant to P.L. 04-69 \$0.0325 per cigarette is dedicated to pay debt service on the Cigarette Securitization Bonds.

* Projected annual growth rate is the change from the FY 2014 certified revenues to the 2015 Appropriations Act revenues. Future revenue updates will show the percentage revenue growth needed in 2015 as compared against actual 2014 collections once actual collections are certified in the pending 2014 CAFR.