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**NINE PEOPLE FROM MERCER & BURLINGTON COUNTIES SELECTED AS  
CELEBRATE NJ! ANNOUNCES MAY REASONS IN '365 REASONS'  
CAMPAIGN**

(Bradley Beach, NJ) -- From the museums in northern New Jersey to the rural farmlands in southern New Jersey, residents from all twenty-one counties continue to talk about their reasons for loving the Garden State. Celebrate NJ!, a grass roots effort to build pride and promote a brighter future for New Jersey, has released the May list of Reasons to Celebrate NJ! as part of its year-long campaign.

The four Mercer County residents selected are:

- Dan Choman of Princeton- Kingston is a historic jewel near Princeton, where General George Washington defeated British troops in an early struggle for freedom
- Catherine Zahn of Pennington- I have 21 outstanding 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students learning about our 21 fabulous counties
- Pete Erickson of Ewing- Historic Cold Spring Village and the Naval Air Station in Wildwood
- Betty Steckman of Trenton- The best “tomato pie and casino hot dogs” in the world!”

The five Burlington County residents selected are:

- Meredith Broder of Moorestown- The Garden State Discovery Museum
- Judith Glick Buchman of Mt. Laurel- The Alice Paul Institute has turned the only National Historic Landmark in NJ devoted to a woman into a Girl’s Leadership Center
- Alicia McShulkis of Mt. Holly- Mt. Holly has great food, great scenic views and canoeing on the Rancocoas
- Jan Bastien of Mt. Holly- Ghost stories every Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> about the ghosts of Mt. Holly!
- Rosalind Rosenbluth of Columbus- Arts, birding, universities and zest-it’s all in NJ!

Karen Hatcher, Executive Director of Celebrate NJ! says, "We're four months into the campaign and people are really surprising us with their reasons. Now that the

obvious ones have been covered, they're digging in and telling us about unique experiences, special places, things that speak to the heart of what it means to be from New Jersey and what they love here. It's so wonderful that New Jerseyans are telling the rest of us, in their own words, all there is to Celebrate in our great Garden State."

Celebrate NJ! invites everyone who has a Reason to Celebrate NJ! to log on to [www.CelebrateNJ.org](http://www.CelebrateNJ.org) and enter that reason. No deadlines have been set. The group will continue to unveil the reasons monthly based on the number of days in a particular month. Residents are encouraged to enter multiple reasons describing the interesting and unique aspects of the Garden State. Entry cards are also available at over 350 libraries across the state. The selected reasons are announced daily on the organization's website. The best 365 reasons will be published as part of an advertising and media campaign, taking place on outdoor ads across the state and through radio, television and newspaper promotions.

The "365 Reasons to Celebrate NJ!" campaign is made possible through the generous support of sponsors NJ Cable Telecommunications Association, ArborSys Group, NJ101.5 Radio, and St. Barnabas Health Care System. For more information about the campaign, visit [www.CelebrateNJ.org](http://www.CelebrateNJ.org).