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To: The Attendees of the 35th Annual Heritage Festival Ball

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend greetings and best wishes to everyone gathered for the 35th Annual Heritage Festival Ball.

New Jersey is a state rich in ethnic and cultural diversity. For 35 years, the Heritage Festival Ball Committee has celebrated that diversity with a night of food, music and dancing that incorporates many of the world's cultures. Tonight is also an opportunity to pay tribute to the exceptional ethnic leaders of our state. I commend the Committee for its dedication to promoting cultural diversity in New Jersey.

Special recognition is in order for tonight's Outstanding Ethnic Leader Award recipients: Peter Eagler, Reverend Father Jose Manuel Fernandes, Stacey Lucille Jennings, Van Le, Reverend Monsignor Neil Mahoney, Miguel Gonzalez Miguez and Domenico Tancredi. The Committee honors these individuals for the remarkable leadership they bring to their respective ethnic communities and their dedication to preserving and promoting their cultural heritage.

This year, the Committee also recognizes student leaders Ciara McGovern, Harrison Truong and Shontay Warren for their outstanding academic and extra-curricular achievements and their contributions to their communities.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie".

Chris Christie
Governor