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**LEAGUE ALERT**

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

March 31, 2009

- Re: I      Important New Information from the Division of Local Government Services**
- Re: II     Furlough Rule Challenged**
- Re: III    NJ Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony Scheduled**

**Re: I. Important New Information from the Division of Local Government Services**

Dear Mayor:

We would like to draw your attention to some important new information on the website of the Division of Local Government Services.

1. Local Finance Notice 2009-7 ([www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/09lfns/2009-7.doc](http://www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/09lfns/2009-7.doc)) describes the procedures municipalities, counties, and other local units that have not adopted FY 2009 budgets must use to take advantage of the newly enacted pension deferral legislation (P.L. 2009, c.19). The law requires local units to apply to the Local Finance Board and demonstrate fiscal need to obtain approval to take advantage of the deferral. The Division has determined that the pension deferral will be taken into account in determining Extraordinary Aid awards. Organizations must now file their applications by April 22. Local units that have already adopted 2009 budgets are not eligible to take advantage of the deferral.
2. This year's Symposium of the New Jersey chapter of the American Society for Public Administration

and the Trenton chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will be held on Friday April 24, 2009, at the Trenton NJ Marriott. The 2009 Symposium covers a wide array of current public policy, financial administration, and records management issues. Key subjects include the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and its impact on NJ, an insider discussion on the state budget process; OPRA and records management issues; a discussion on the impact of changes in newspaper coverage on government, and many others. This is the only NJ state government policy forum that covers these subjects. You may download the program now from <http://agatrenton.com/2009%20Program.pdf>. Finance and records management CEUs are available.

3. The Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University is sponsoring a FORUM on "Emergency Preparedness in the Region: What Have We Done & What is Still Needed?" on Friday, April 3 from 8 a.m. to 3.p.m. There is no cost but you must register. The Forum will feature former Governor Thomas Kean as the Keynote Opening Speaker, and Dr Steve Flynn, the Senior Fellow for Counterterrorism and National Security at the Council on Foreign Relations as the Luncheon speaker. Panels will focus on three main areas: Vulnerabilities of our Critical Infrastructures; Cooperation Issues Among and Between Government and the Private Sector; and Public Health Preparedness Issues.

*If you have any questions or concerns about this communication, please contact Deborah M. Kole, Staff Attorney, at the League, Ex. 137, or at [dkole@njslom.com](mailto:dkole@njslom.com)*

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

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**Re: II. Furlough Rule Challenged**

Dear Mayor:

As reported in the Press, a number of public employee unions have filed complaints with the Appellate Division, seeking to block the emergency Civil Service Commission rule, which would allow public employers to implement furloughs, in order to avoid lay-offs. (See our letter at <http://www.njslom.org/ml032509.html> for details on the rule in question.)

The emergency rule issued by the State Civil Service Commission grants municipal governments, as well as the State, a useful tool to save jobs, better control taxes and help stabilize the economy by implementing temporary lay-offs, known as furloughs. The furloughs are for duration of one or more days during a defined time period.

In a time of crisis, government needs the tools to protect jobs and save taxpayers dollars. Every stakeholder, from government employees, taxpayers, businesses, must contribute its part to combat this crisis to reduce costs and save jobs. All of us are impacted and all of us must make the necessary sacrifices to weather this economic storm.

The League is closely monitoring the litigation and will urge the Attorney General to aggressively defend the authority of the State to adopt rules, which help government at all levels protect the taxpaying public.

For more information, contact Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext 121.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
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**Re: III. NJ Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony Scheduled**

Dear Mayor:

We have attached a "Save the Date" card for the May 3rd, New Jersey Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony (<http://www.njslom.org/NJ-Hall-of-Fame-2009.pdf>)

Jon Bon Jovi, Shaquille O'Neal, Jerry Lewis, Althea Gibson and Abbott and Costello are among several prominent New Jerseyans being inducted, as the Class of 2009.

We congratulate the following towns, whose favorite sons and daughters will be honored:

Asbury Park  
Camden  
East Orange  
Hackensack  
Hillside  
Newark  
New Brunswick  
Paterson  
Perth Amboy  
Princeton  
Rahway  
Rutherford  
Sayreville  
Wall Township

And we invite them to visit the NJ Hall of Fame Montage Link <http://www.mojogroup.tv/NJHOF.php>

Please feel free to visit the NJHOF's website at [www.njhalloffame.org](http://www.njhalloffame.org) to view exciting footage from last year's inaugural ceremony, and to learn more about the Hall of Fame.

Thomas Edison, Bruce Springsteen, Albert Einstein, General Norman Schwarzkopf, Buzz Aldrin, Yogi Berra and Toni Morrison were among the 1st class of inductees last May, and will be showcased in the

several museum exhibits being established throughout the State.

Mayors and council people in New Jersey are encouraged to demonstrate pride in their respective communities by nominating their own favorite sons and daughters for possible induction into the Hall of Fame. Please email your ideas to [don@lksassociates.com](mailto:don@lksassociates.com).

The Hall of Fame will consider any and all suggestions. A panel of experts narrows the master list down each year, and then the Hall of Fame's Academy Members and the general public help decide which nominees are ultimately inducted.

We hope you agree that the New Jersey Hall of Fame is a great way to celebrate the Garden State, honor our legends and inspire our children.

We hope to see you on the "Red Carpet" on May 3rd!

Very truly yours,

Timothy C. McDonough  
President, NJLM and  
Mayor, Hope Township

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