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## *Jersey City Celebrates Women's History Month with the 12th Annual "Women of Action" Awards Mayor Healy and Municipal Council to Recognize Twenty-Seven Outstanding Women*

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council, and the Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Cultural Affairs will honor 27 outstanding women during the 12th Annual “Women of Action” Awards Ceremony, in celebration of Women’s History Month. The event will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2010 in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 280 Grove Street.

“Generations of women have taken the lead throughout history making significant contributions that have shaped our lives,” said Mayor Healy. “In paying tribute to them, we are also expressing our utmost gratitude for all they have done for us and recognize their commitment to improving the lives of the people in their community.”

**Women’s History Month** is a great occasion that honors the women who have shaped history and touched so many lives. Sharing their stories of steadfast determination also teaches future generations that anything is within reach as long as they believe in themselves and that there is no obstacle too great for them.

The following twenty-seven Women of Action were chosen for their artistic, economic, innovative, political, or social contributions by each of the nine members of Jersey City’s Municipal Council:

Council President Peter Brennan

Josefina Rosario  
Filomena Gidino  
Ruby L. Hargrave

Councilman-At-Large Mariano Vega, Jr.

Marysal Nuni Gerdina  
Jessica Fernandez Cruz  
Luz Mari

Councilwoman-At-Large Willie Flood

Annie Jenkins  
Monique Smith-Andreas  
Lisa M. Mckinney

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Councilman Mike Sottolano, Ward A	Patricia Greiner Yvette Thomas Kathleen Boylan Chester
Councilwoman David Donnelly, Ward B	Charlene Burke Samantha Moore Elda Pinchinat
Councilman Nydia Lopez, Ward C	Kalyani Nandi Miriam Melendez Hanaa Hassan
Councilman Bill Gaughan, Ward D	Margaret Magliulo Linda Ann Parrish Annrose Smith
Councilman Steve Fulop, Ward E	Felicia Palmer Diana Perales Joan Trowbridge
Councilwoman Viola Richardson, Ward F	Nicole Johnson Annette Joyner Juvonda S. Jackson

**Marilyn Roman**, the “Woman of Action” keynote speaker, is an American educator who served as Acting Mayor of Jersey City, New Jersey. A graduate of New Jersey City University, Marilyn holds both a BA in Elementary Education and a MA in Urban Education. Both a teacher and a Supervisor for the Jersey City Board of Education, Marilyn first became active in politics as a member of the Everett Terrace Block Association, where she attended City Council Meetings. Beginning in 1984, she served two terms on the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders. She was elected to the City Council in 1989, where she served as the Council President from 1989 to 1992. Marilyn became Jersey City’s first and only woman Mayor, when she served as Acting Mayor from February 14, 1992 to June 30, 1992.

Currently she is Director of Special Projects for the Hudson County School of Technology. She and her husband, William Roman, who passed away on September 25, 2000, were married for 45 years. They are the proud parents of two sons, William and Richard. They are also the proud grandparents of William, Christina, Richard, Alyssa, Nicole, and John.

The Women of Action Awards Ceremony began in Jersey City in 1995 and ran through 2001. In 2005, Mayor Healy & the Jersey City Division of Cultural Affairs reinstated this program. From its inception, the Women of Action event was intended to mark and celebrate Women's History Month by honoring women of achievement city-wide. It is appropriate that we host this program at City Hall annually in the month of March in observance of Women's History Month which dates back to the first International Women's Day in 1911. In 1987, Congress made the observance official by declaring the month of March 'National Women's History Month' in order to recognize the contributions of women to society and to promote the teaching of women's history.

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