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March 7, 2016

Detective Shawn M. Murphy
Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office
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On behalf of MOCEANS Center for Independent Living, we write to express strong support for the Monmouth County Special Needs Registry developed through the joint efforts of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, and the Monmouth County Chiefs of Police Association with cooperation from all law enforcement agencies in Monmouth County, New Jersey; for the purpose of ensuring that all Monmouth County residents who have special needs will be able to get the help and support they need when interacting with law enforcement, fire, or EMS personnel.

MOCEANS Center for Independent Living has been proudly serving people with all disabilities throughout Monmouth and Ocean County, New Jersey since 1989. MOCEANS (*MOH' shuns*) is a nonresidential, consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, private 501c3 nonprofit corporation that is run by and for people with disabilities. Our mission is to support choice, promote public awareness and barrier-free access in the community, while advancing the Independent Living Philosophy in the lives of all people with disability. We provide advocacy, independent living skills training, peer support, information and referral services, youth transition services and personal assistant services with the support of NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, NJ Division of Disability Services, our members, and private donors and sponsors.

In that the goals of the Monmouth County Special Needs Registry and the mission of MOCEANS are closely aligned; and after appropriate discussions with staff and members; it is our pleasure to offer our enthusiastic support for the Monmouth County Special Needs Registry. We look forward to supporting this effort to promote disability awareness and equality throughout the county and beyond.

Sincerely,

Kerry J. Morgan, Executive Director

Erica Hill, Resource Development

cc: Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Monmouth County Chiefs of Police Association