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Year-to-Date Revenue Collections Match Projected Growth Rate Through March

TRENTON – Major revenue collections year-to-date through March totaled \$18.43 billion, up 5.3 percent from Fiscal Year 2014, matching the projected growth rate for the current fiscal year noted in the Governor's Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2016.

Revenues for the month of March alone outpaced the same month one year ago by 8.8 percent and totaled \$2.08 billion, driven by strong collections from the Gross Income Tax, the Insurance Premium Tax, and the tax on Corporate Banks and Financial Institutions.

"Total revenue for fiscal 2015 has largely met expectations and is now projected at \$32.6 billion, a net reduction of \$59 million that is more than offset by \$343 million in lapses," State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff said during his remarks to the State Assembly Budget Committee last month. "We are recognizing \$288 million in supplemental needs with the result that we remain on target to achieve a \$388 million ending fund balance, the amount budgeted as of the fiscal 2015 Appropriations Act."

The State Treasurer will appear before the Legislature on May 19 and 20.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY MONTH AND YEAR-TO-DATE CASH COLLECTIONS Fiscal Year 2015 - MARCH 2015 versus 2014

(\$ Thousands)

MARCH			%		MARCH YTD			D	%	FY 2015 Projected *
 2014		2015	Change			2014		2015	Change	Growth Rate
\$ 569,848	\$	761,288	33.6%	Gross Income Tax	\$	7,640,690	\$	8,188,063 .	7.2%	5.6%
581,948		593,688	2.0%	Sales		5,607,319		5,751,758	2.6%	2.8%
309,204		295,417	(4.5%)	Corporation Business		1,420,281		1,669,107	17.5%	23.3%
80,909		79,227	(2.1%)	Lottery		690,818		670,648	(2.9%)	(1.0%)
37,432		36,906	(1.4%)	Motor Fuels		349,625		347,039	(0.7%)	0.9%
68,559		57,823	(15.7%)	Motor Vehicle Fees (a)		233,409		231,852	(0.7%)	2.3%
60,840		49,453	(18.7%)	Transfer Inheritance		512,873		517,035	0.8%	4.0%
16,611		14,980	(9.8%)	Casino Revenue		155,383		147,198	(5.3%)	(4.4%)
90,748		104,405	15.0%	Insurance Premium		343,998		379,226	10.2%	6.8%
52,002		9,965	(80.8%)	Cigarette (b)		54,704		9,965	(81.8%)	(19.4%)
15,558		14,580	(6.3%)	Petroleum Products Gross Receipts		144,081		142,607	(1.0%)	(3.8%)
3,942		33,619	752.8%	Corp. Banks & Financial Institutions		101,448		110,462	8.9%	(14.5%)
11,165		10,451	(6.4%)	Alcoholic Beverage Excise		66,162		66,351	0.3%	2.7%
13,326		18,229	36.8%	Realty Transfer		170,018		187,957	10.6%	12.4%
1,577		1,408	(10.7%)	Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales (b)		14,808		15,643	5.6%	(0.4%)
 2		-	-	Public Utility		2			-	(0.3%)
\$ 1,913,671	\$	2,081,439	8.8%	Total Major Revenues	\$	17,505,619	\$	18,434,911	5.3%	5.3%
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(a) Pursuant to P.L. 03-13, \$257.2 million of FY 2015 Motor Vehicle Fee collections are dedicated to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

(b) Pursuant to P.L. 06-37, revenue collections of \$396.5 million from the cigarette and tobacco products wholesale sales tax are deposited in the Health Care Subsidy Fund. Pursuant to P.L. 04-69 \$0.0325 per cigarette is dedicated to pay debt service on the Cigarette Securitization Bonds.

* Projected annual growth rate is the change from the FY 2014 CAFR revenues to the FY 2015 revenue estimates per the FY 2016 Governor's Budget Message.