

County Clerk Mary Melfi Takes Office as President of New Jersey Association of Counties

Hunterdon County Clerk Mary Melfi was sworn in as the 77th President of the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) at a ceremony in the State Capitol on January 26th.

NJAC is an organization that advocates for legislation, regulations, and policy directives that empower county governments to operate more efficiently and effectively for taxpayers. Its membership includes Freeholders and Constitutional Officers from around the state.

New NJAC President Melfi said, "I look forward to leading NJAC this year. As a non-partisan organization, NJAC represents the only true regional form of government in the State with a proactive, unified voice and a solution driven approach to solving critical issues on the behalf of taxpayers."

Hunterdon County Freeholder John King, who served as President of NJAC in 2016, stated, "Mary Melfi's County Clerk Office in Hunterdon County is well known for offering outstanding service to the public. I know Mary will bring that same dedication and enthusiasm to her leadership position with NJAC."

Freeholder John Lanza, who serves as liaison to the County Clerk's Office said, "It is an honor for Hunterdon County to again have a member of our County government serve as President of this very effective organization. NJAC could not have made a better choice in a new leader."

The Presidency of NJAC is a volunteer, uncompensated position.

Senator Kip Bateman administered the oath of office to Ms. Melfi and to NJAC's 2018 slate of executive officers that include: Essex County Freeholder Brendan Gill as First Vice President, Cape May County Freeholder Marie Hayes as Second Vice President, Mercer County Freeholder John Cimino as Secretary/Treasurer, and Gloucester County Freeholder Heather Simmons as Immediate Past President.

Following the ceremony, culinary art students from Hunterdon County Polytech provided a well-received lunch to swearing in attendees at the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple.



Freeholder John King, Freeholder Shaun C. Van Doren, County Clerk Mary Melfi, and Freeholder John Lanza with Hunterdon County Polytech Culinary and Baking Arts students.