

**10591. RESOLUTION 12-39 - RECOGNIZING AND APPLAUDING
OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE**

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) is the owner and operator of the Cape May - Lewes Ferry, and;

WHEREAS, the Cape May - Lewes Ferry operates more than 4,000 crossings annually and transports approximately 300,000 vehicles and nearly 800,000 passengers each year between Cape May, New Jersey and Lewes, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the Authority employs caring, dedicated and highly trained individuals to respond to all types of emergency situations; and

WHEREAS rescue at sea is among the gravest, honor-bound duties amongst those who make their living on the sea; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2012, a man became stranded on his kayak in the Delaware Bay approximately 4 miles from the Cape May shoreline; and

WHEREAS, a crewmember of the M/V Delaware, Pilot Sharon Urban, reported a white light in the water and reported it to the Master, Capt. Dan Cluff; and

WHEREAS, Capt. Cluff caused the M/V Delaware to immediately be brought about and deviated course to investigate; and

WHEREAS, the M/V Delaware immediately notified the Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, M/V Delaware crewmembers tossed a lighted ring-buoy to the man in the water; and

WHEREAS, other crew kept the onboard passengers calm, informed, and out of harm’s way; and

WHEREAS, the M/V Delaware maneuvered to remain in sight of the man in the water and kept him protected and in the light of her searchlight, and did not get underway until the U.S. Coast Guard safely retrieved the man; and

WHEREAS the man was rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS the following M.V. Delaware crewmembers participated in the successful rescue at sea:

Captain Daniel Cluff
Pilot Sharon Urban
Boatswain Gayle Carter
Able Seaman Kyra Jarmon
Able Seaman James McClintock
Able Seaman Michael Hughes
Ordinary Seaman Steven Serrano
Ordinary Seaman Susan Wiggins
Chief Engineer Richard Murphy
Assistant Engineer Daniel Loper
Galley Supervisor Samantha Paz
Food Handler Romano Rosica
Food Handler Linda Empson
Bartender James Dougherty

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the preceding employees are hereby recognized and applauded for outstanding service to the public and the Authority and formally recognized for their dedication and professionalism.

A motion to approve Resolution 12-39 was made by Commissioner Lathem, seconded by Commissioner Mroz, and approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.