

**10810. RESOLUTION 14-14 - 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 safety of life at sea is among the gravest and honor-bound duties amongst those who make their living on the sea; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2014, a crewmember of the M/V New Jersey, Bartender Nina Ianiro, noticed a passenger acting suspiciously near the rail; and

WHEREAS, when this passenger did indeed attempt to jump from the vessel, Ms. Ianiro ran to the railing and held the passenger from falling into the icy waters below; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ianiro’s supervisor, Lori Saettler immediately ran to get help from the gangway watch; and

WHEREAS, M/V New Jersey crewmembers Mate Joseph Napoleon, O.S. Joseph Safaryn, as well as dock attendant Gerald Moore immediately rushed to the scene to assist, lifting the stricken passenger back over the rail and preventing her from harming herself; and

WHEREAS, the crew then properly notified Captain Stan Hansen and the Authority Police of the situation whereby the Police took over custody and care of this individual; and

WHEREAS the woman’s life was saved by the quick reaction of Ms. Ianiro and the follow on actions of the crew and shore-side personnel; and

WHEREAS the following M.V. New Jersey crewmembers participated in the saving of a life at sea:

Bartender Nina Ianiro
Galley Supervisor Lori Saettler
Mate Joseph Napoleon
Ordinary Seaman Joseph Safaryn
Dock Attendant Gerald Moore

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

A motion to approve Resolution 14-14 was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Dorn, and approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.