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## **Lagay Selected For Chamber Foundation's Hall of Fame**

Recognized for her exceptional leadership qualities, character, and civic involvement, Freeholder Board Director Suzanne Lagay, a past President and CEO of the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, was inducted into the Chamber Foundation's Business Hall of Fame, during official ceremonies at the Ryland Inn on May 7, 2019.

The Holland Township resident was recognized for her significant business, community, and governmental leadership and achievements, representing the Essence of Hunterdon, according to Chamber President Chris Phelan.

Freeholder Lagay, in addition to serving as Director of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders this year, also served as Director in 2016, and has served on the Board since 2014. Ms. Lagay is credited as being instrumental in establishing the successful economic development initiative in Hunterdon County, as a priority activity for the County government.

During her nine-year tenure as President and CEO of the Hunterdon Chamber of Commerce, prior being elected Freeholder, Ms. Lagay lead the Chamber's strategic planning and restructuring efforts.

Ms. Lagay's community service includes serving as a volunteer on the Boards of numerous Hunterdon County non-profit agencies, including the United Way, the Hunterdon Medical Center, and Prevention Resources, to name a few.

Freeholder Board Deputy Director John E. Lanza presented the Hall of Fame honoree with a Freeholder Proclamation recognizing her selection, which stated, 'the mission of the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Foundation Business Hall of Fame is to spotlight those who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, ethics and vision.'

"And there can be no individual who better exemplifies these qualities than Suzanne Lagay," Freeholder Lanza said.

According to the Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the Essence of Hunterdon award recognizes an individual who has strengthened the community by fostering business and civic partnerships through her leadership, courageous thought, and entrepreneurial spirit.