

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5933**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Designates Department of Health State office building in Trenton as “Judith M. Persichilli Building.”

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/24/2021)**

1 AN ACT designating the Department of Health State office building  
2 in the City of Trenton as the "Judith M. Persichilli Building."  
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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*  
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7 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

8 a. New Jersey Department of Health Commissioner Judith M.  
9 Persichilli has served the State of New Jersey for decades in various  
10 healthcare positions.

11 b. Commissioner Persichilli began her career of service as an  
12 intensive care nurse, working with the most critical patients.

13 c. Prior to her appointment as the 22nd Commissioner of  
14 Health, Commissioner Persichilli was the Chief Executive Officer  
15 at St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton, President Emerita of  
16 Catholic Health East Trinity Health, and the acting Chief Executive  
17 Officer of University Hospital in Newark.

18 d. Commissioner Persichilli is the recipient of several honors  
19 and awards, including induction into the New Jersey State Nurses  
20 Association Hall of Honor in 2006, the 2008 Richard J. Hughes  
21 Humanitarian Award, and the 2011 Edward J. Ill Excellence in  
22 Medicine Award for Outstanding Medical Executive.

23 e. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Commissioner  
24 Persichilli has guided the State through the worst health crisis in  
25 100 years with her strong leadership and unflappable demeanor.

26 f. Commissioner Persichilli's communication, collaboration,  
27 and responsiveness during this time has been invaluable to the day-  
28 to-day management of the pandemic.

29 g. It is appropriate that the new Department of Health State  
30 building located at 55 North Willow Street in the City of Trenton  
31 should bear the name of a woman who, through her tireless public  
32 service and leadership in the face of a once in a century pandemic,  
33 continuously provides a model of excellence and commitment that  
34 will serve to inspire and encourage others.  
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36 2. The State Department of Health office building located at 55  
37 North Willow Street in the City of Trenton is designated as the  
38 "Judith M. Persichilli Building."  
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40 3. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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43 STATEMENT  
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45 This bill designates the State Department of Health building at  
46 55 North Willow Street in the City of Trenton as the "Judith M.  
47 Persichilli Building."

1 Prior to being appointed the 22nd Commissioner of Health,  
2 Commissioner Persichilli was an intensive care nurse and healthcare  
3 executive for decades at several well-regarded health institutions.  
4 Commissioner Persichilli has received numerous awards and honors  
5 for her leadership and excellence in the healthcare field.

6 Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Commissioner Persichilli  
7 has been at the forefront, providing daily reports on new positives,  
8 test results, and deaths in the State. Her leadership, communication,  
9 collaboration, and responsiveness during this time has been  
10 invaluable to the day-to-day management of the pandemic.

11 It is appropriate that the new Department of Health State  
12 building be named after Commissioner Persichilli for her tireless  
13 public service and leadership in the face of a once in a century  
14 pandemic.