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**SALEM COUNTY FREEHOLDERS OPPOSE CLOSURE OF MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL MATERNITY WARD**

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder Jeffrey J. Hogan, Chair of the County Social Services Committee, and Freeholder Dale A. Cross, Chair of the County Health Committee, today released the following joint statement concerning a resolution passed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders at the September 2, 2009 meeting opposing the proposed closure of the Memorial Hospital of Salem County maternity ward:

“The Board of Chosen Freeholders is firmly opposed to the closure or any reduction of services of the Memorial Hospital of Salem County’s maternity ward. We have listened to both sides of the issue and we believe that it is in the best interest of the residents of Salem County to have the maternity ward remain open. The closure would create a hardship for many of our residents needing the services. We will work with state and local officials to ensure that the hospital’s legal and moral obligations to the community are upheld. Additionally, we pledge our assistance to the hospital in exploring new ways to ensure the viability of the maternity ward.”