## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

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<u>LAURA CURRAN</u>, County Executive of the County of Nassau, pursuant to powers vested in me by Section 203 of the Nassau County Charter, hereby exercises that authority and declares as follows:

WHEREAS, state, town and county governments have been troubled by the perception of a culture of corruption and favoritism, stemming, in part, from the system of party politics; and

WHEREAS, this administration was elected as a direct response to that culture of corruption and favoritism with a mandate to eliminate that culture from county government; and

WHEREAS, this administration believes that one effective tool would be limiting the corrupting influence of party politicians within the county executive's office and the departments and agencies of county government under the direction and control of the county executive by limiting the county executive appointees' participation in party politics; and

WHEREAS, this administration believes that prohibiting members of the county executive staff, deputy county executives; executive department and agency heads; and deputy executive department and agency heads from holding any office, other than being a committeeperson, in any political party committee or committee in support of any candidate for elective office and prohibiting the county executive staff, deputy county executives, executive department and agency heads and deputy executive department and agency heads from contributing any sum of money to any committee in support of my candidacy for any elective office would directly protect the County of Nassau and its people from corrupting forces and insure the integrity of its departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, these prohibitions against political involvement are drawn closely as possible and are designed to minimally abridge the rights of the county executive staff, deputy county executives, department or agency heads or deputy heads; now, therefore;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the holding of any office or position of authority within any political party or committee of any political party, other than being a committeeperson, or of any office or position of authority within any committee on behalf of any candidate for elected office by any member of the county executive staff, any deputy county executive, any county executive appointed commissioner or any other county executive appointed head of any county executive department or agency or any deputy commissioner or any other deputy head or any county executive department or agency is prohibited; and further;

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that the making of any contribution of any sum of money to any committee on behalf of my candidacy for any elected office by any member of the county executive staff, deputy county executive, any county executive appointed commissioner or any other county executive appointed head of any county executive department or agency or any deputy commissioner or any other deputy head or any county executive department or agency is prohibited.

Dated: January 18, 2018

LAURA CURRAN
COUNTY EXECUTIVE