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ATTACHMENT 2

January 4, 2006

STATEMENT ON PASSING OF FORMER COUNTY MANAGER ANN BARAN

Ann Baran, who became the first female County Manager, serving from 1990-1997, passed away after a long battle with cancer on Tuesday evening, January 3rd. County Manager George W. Devanney released the following statement and ordered all flags on county property lowered to half-staff in her memory.

As our first female County Manager, Ann Baran was an administrator who worked to modernize the functions of County Government.

Among her many accomplishments, Ann created the Union County Alliance, the County's Long Range Strategic Plan document, and the Children's Immunization Clinic.

With her passing, the County of Union has lost a great leader and pioneer.

For more than 30 years, Ann was a strong voice for civic, non-profit causes and on health issues. This past year, the United Way of Union County awarded Ann its the first annual Dolores Raudelunas Spirit of Caring Award for a lifetime of leadership and involvement in community service. It was a fitting tribute.

As expected, Ann faced cancer with the same courage she displayed as a leader in public life.

She will be sorely missed by our County family, and our sympathies go out to her family and many friends.

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