January 28, 2016

To the Members of the 148th General Assembly and to all Delawareans:

In compliance with 29 Del. C. Section 6335 (a), I respectfully submit for your consideration the Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Operating Budget and Bond and Capital Improvements Act for the State of Delaware.

This spending plan builds upon the substantial progress we have made to date in addressing the goals to which my Administration is firmly committed: bolstering Delaware’s economy, providing the highest quality education for our children, enhancing the overall quality of life in our communities and supporting those Delawareans who are the neediest and most vulnerable. This plan also complies with constitutional and statutory limitations on appropriations while fully funding the State’s budget reserve account.

By working together with the members of the 148th General Assembly, we will enact a financial plan that makes investments in priority areas, is financially sound and will keep Delaware moving forward.

Sincerely,

Jack A. Markell
Governor