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NCADD-NJ's Decision 2002 Election Guide Now Available

TRENTON ... (October 8, 2002) -- The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-New Jersey has released a booklet to provide voters with an overview of some of the critical issues concerning addiction in the state. The document, "Decision 2002, At a Crossroads of Addiction Policy," is available on-line as well as in printed form. Also available on the NCADD-NJ website, www.ncaddnj.org, are the responses of New Jersey's candidates for the House of Representatives and Senate to questions on addiction issues that are summarized in Decision 2002.

Among issues reviewed in the publication are a proposed decrease in the federal excise tax on beer, Treatment on Demand Assistance Act as an alternative to jail for non-violent offenders, and the Substance Abuse Education Act to provide training for health care professionals to identify alcoholism and drug use.

Decision 2002 also answers frequently asked questions about voting regulations such as voter eligibility and registration. It includes a listing of all of the state's Congressional candidates and their campaign headquarters.

This year marks the 20th anniversary for NCADD-NJ, which has dedicated itself to educating the public about addiction issues, to advancing policies affecting individuals addicted to alcohol and other drugs and to reducing stigma. The agency is offering one free printed copy of Decision 2002 to each interested party, with additional copies available at a cost of \$3 apiece. To obtain a copy of the election guide call NCADD-NJ at (609) 689-0121.

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