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Dear Primary Business Organizations,

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that an Act to amend Title 9 and Title 29 of the Delaware Code relating to Government Records Management was passed by the Delaware Legislature and signed by Governor Markell.

Beginning August 1, 2009, this Act increases the current state surcharge on each document or paper recorded or filed in each of the respective County Recorder of Deeds Offices from \$6.00 to \$30.00.

The additional \$24.00 surcharge fee will be utilized to promote, preserve, and protect the State's cultural assets, and the fees retained by the State shall be used to fund services through the Secretary of State, Division of Libraries, Division of the Arts, and the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs. This amended Act will supplement the Delaware Cultural Access Fund.

We, Recorders, understand the administrative complications that the surcharge fee increase will have on all of the participating primary business organizations.

It is in all of our best interest to communicate, inform, and expedite this update to you to create a smooth transition. Our intentions are to give your business the allotted time to prepare and submit the correct document surcharge fee with your document to be recorded.

Any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call any one of us.

Respectfully submitted,

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