

KALMAR NYCKEL FOUNDATION TO PRESENT KING NEPTUNE GALA ON JUNE 26, 2010

Governor Jack Markell to be honored

Wilmington, DE – Governor Jack Markell is this year's honoree of the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation's King Neptune Award. The award was established to recognize a leader in the Delaware community who promotes the vision and mission of the foundation.

"This year, we honor Governor Jack Markell, who has pursued an aggressive education platform since taking office in 2009 and who is committed to pursuing economic development opportunities throughout the State of Delaware," according to Catherine Parsells, Executive Director of the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation. This year's event also celebrates the outstanding redevelopment of Wilmington's Riverfront to which so many have contributed.

The Kalmar Nyckel has a strong commitment to education. The Ship serves as a floating classroom, an outreach platform for the State of Delaware, and a catalyst for social and economic development. The Kalmar Nyckel travels along the East Coast visiting ports of interest and shares with visitors information about the Great State of Delaware.

Governor Markell will receive the honor at the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation's Annual King Neptune Gala on Saturday, June 26, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a dockside cocktail reception at the Dravo Plaza Dock on Wilmington's riverfront. The event will continue with a 7:00 p.m. dinner at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, Delaware.

Past King Neptune recipients include Richard J. Julian, Governor Russell W. Peterson and Senator Thomas R. Carper.

For sponsorship information and reservations, please contact Jacqueline Searles, Kalmar Nyckel Foundation by calling 302.429.7447.