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**WHYY'S DELAWARE TONIGHT TO FEATURE SPECIAL REPORT
ON PRESIDENTS DAY TO EXAMINE \$600 MILLION STATE BUDGET DEFICIT**

PHILADELPHIA, February 11, 2009 — WHYY TV's *Delaware Tonight* will spotlight the \$600 million Delaware budget deficit in a half-episode special report that will be broadcast from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 16, Presidents Day.

Stephanie Aldrich will anchor the report, titled "*Delaware Tonight* Special Report: The State Budget Mess." Bill Cook, Dover Bureau chief, will interview Delaware Gov. Jack Markell on some of the cost-cutting choices he's had to make in recent months. Will the governor raise taxes? Which services likely will be cut? Markell will outline his budget proposal.

Chris Coons, county executive of New Castle County, will explain the impact of the budget crisis on the state's counties.

Additionally, the *Delaware Tonight* crew will lay out to viewers the steps that will be taken before the budget, due July 1, is finalized. Delawareans will have an opportunity for their voices to be heard during the special report. The governor will respond to many of their comments, some of which focus on how they would fix the budget gap.

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