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## **American Water Honored at Executive Women of New Jersey's Biennial Corporate Gender Diversity Awards Breakfast: A Seat at the Table**

**Voorhees, N.J. (Oct. 30, 2017)** –[American Water](#) (NYSE: AWK), the largest publicly-traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company, was recognized along with 21 other companies for making the “A Seat at the Table Honor Roll,” a list of New Jersey public companies that have three or more women on their boards at the Executive Women of New Jersey (EWNJ) “A Seat at the Table” Corporate Gender Diversity Awards Breakfast.

"We are pleased to once again be recognized by the Executive Women of New Jersey for our commitment to diversity and inclusion," said Susan Story, president and CEO, American Water.

"American Water believes that our board, management and employees should reflect the customers we serve. Further, we have a true commitment to the respect and dignity for each other as part of the values we live as a company."

The event also featured the exclusive release of EWNJ's much-anticipated report on the number of women serving on boards and in the top leadership of publicly-traded companies in New Jersey. The report, "A Seat at the Table: Celebrating Women and Board Leadership," is the only one of its kind in the state.

"We are honored to recognize this year's A Seat at the Table Honor Roll companies. These organizations have taken steps to create corporate cultures that recognize the value that gender diversity delivers. While we still have a long way to go in ensuring that women and people of color have equal access to opportunity in top corporate leadership, we're seeing that our work is making an impact," explained Michellene Davis, Esq., President of EWNJ and EVP and Chief Corporate Affairs Officer at RWJBarnabas Health.

You may view the 2015 A Seat at the Table report [here](#) and the 2017 Honor Roll [here](#).

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**About EWNJ**

Founded in 1980, EWNJ is one of the leading senior-level executive women’s organizations that is committed to increasing the presence of women serving on corporate boards and in the top leadership of New Jersey companies. To this end, we publish a biennial report in partnership with PwC that examines the gender diversity of boards and the senior governance of publicly traded companies in New Jersey. We also host an array of events designed to offer women executives prime networking opportunities, to bolster and amplify our gender diversity advocacy efforts, and to raise funds for our Non-Traditional Graduate Student Scholarship program, which is focused on cultivating the next generation of women leaders. As the largest provider of scholarships to non-traditional women graduate students in New Jersey, we are proud to have awarded over \$1.2 million dollars to deserving candidates over the last 30 years.

**About American Water**

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly-traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,800 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting [www.amwater.com](http://www.amwater.com).

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