

State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the Empire State is proud to join in honoring iconic New Yorkers who have helped shape our cultural history and have made invaluable, lasting contributions to the lives of our residents; and

Whereas, one of the most beloved figures in American music history, Tony Bennett has had an immeasurable impact on the industry, our nation, and the world in a career spanning eight decades; and

Whereas, winner of 19 Grammy Awards, including a 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award, Tony has sold over 50 million records worldwide while enduring as a paragon of excellence, longevity, and influence as a legendary performer, artist, and humanitarian; and

Whereas, after serving with distinction in World War II, Tony began a music career that has exemplified his indomitable spirit and commitment to excellence and the Great American Songbook, achieving multiple chart-topping singles and albums through the decades while setting a gold standard for vocal performance and winning the adoration of generations of audiences, critics, and fellow musicians across the globe; and

Whereas, Tony's reach and influence as an artist, performer, and humanitarian has been truly global; throughout his unprecedented career, he has used music, painting, and unwavering generosity to unite, inspire, and improve the lives of countless people across the world; and

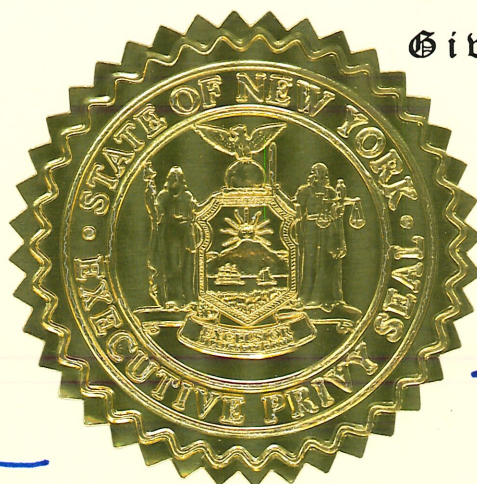
Whereas, Tony's long history of charitable work has only enhanced his position as an extraordinary resource and example to his fellow citizens, and his leadership, courage, and unparalleled history of excellence and influence continue to make him a New York treasure and a one-of-a-kind inspiration to us all; and

Whereas, as Tony celebrates his 95th birthday, all New Yorkers are proud to join with his family, friends, and countless fans across the world in congratulating him on another extraordinary milestone and honoring the indelible impact he has had on not only music but also our state and nation's cultural landscape;

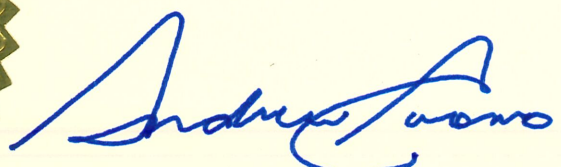
Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby Proclaim August 3, 2021 as


TONY BENNETT DAY

in the Empire State in honor of his extraordinary history of leadership, artistry, and invaluable contributions to all of our lives.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this second day
of August in the year two thousand twenty-one.


Governor


Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa