



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Citation

*Honoring members of the New York National Guard for their service during and in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks*

**Whereas**, two decades have passed since the unimaginable events of September 11, 2001 that forever changed our state and nation; and

**Whereas**, New Yorkers owe a debt of deep gratitude to those first responders and members of the armed forces who risked their lives in the weeks, months, and years following the attacks on the World Trade Center; and

**Whereas**, on September 11th, New York Air National Guardsmen assigned to the Northeast Air Defense Sector were the first U.S. military members to respond to the hijacking of civilian airliners used in the attacks, and responded to scramble aircraft to intercept the planes; and

**Whereas**, on September 11th, members of the New York Army National Guard responded to the attack by rallying at their armories in anticipation of the Governor's orders to duty; and

**Whereas**, on September 11th, members of the New York Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry, 1st Battalion, 101st Cavalry, 1st Battalion, 258th Field Artillery, 1st Battalion, 105th Infantry, the 107th Corps Support Group and the 2nd Civil Support Team, responded to support to the New York City Police Department and the New York City Fire Department; and

**Whereas**, from September 12th - November 17th, a total of 6,716 members of the New York Army and Air National Guard, New York Naval Militia, and New York Guard, provided security and logistics support to recovery workers and the people of New York City as part of Operation Trade Center; and

**Whereas**, members of the New York Army National Guard's 27th Infantry Brigade; 42nd Infantry Division; and the New York Air National Guard's 174th Fighter Wing provided security at 19 airports throughout the State, the United States Military Academy and the Watervliet Arsenal, and conducted Combat Air Patrols as part of Operation Noble Eagle; and

**Whereas**, 450 New York Army National Guard Soldiers assigned to Joint Task Force Wingfoot assisted in New York City security from November 17, 2001 to January 31, 2002; and

**Whereas**, most of the Soldiers and Airmen who were part of these missions deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and served in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan to protect the interests of the United States; and

**Whereas**, these brave men and women of New York National Guard, who served and sacrificed on those days following this attack on our American soil, deserve continued recognition through the past twenty years;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby confer this Citation to recognize and express the gratitude of the people of the State of New York for the service, commitment and dedication of the members of the

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who answered the call of duty on September 11th, 2001 with honor, integrity, and courage in the face of the dangers before them.



*Kathy Hochul*

Governor  
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