



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, a beacon of hope and freedom, New York State has symbolized liberty, security, equality, opportunity, and prosperity for generations of immigrants and refugees; and

**Whereas**, New York State has an especially proud history of welcoming people from countries around the world, recognizing that our advancement as a society depends on a continuous flow of new immigrant life; and

**Whereas**, throughout the centuries, millions of immigrants and refugees have arrived in New York State to pursue the American Dream; and

**Whereas**, our nation and state are strengthened by the diversity of our immigrant and refugee populations that are a vital part of our communities, bringing ideas, starting businesses, serving in civic roles, working in essential industries, and contributing to the vibrant diversity of New York State; and

**Whereas**, the willingness to open our hearts to fellow human beings is a characteristic all New Yorkers share and value, and our whole society benefits when we foster a welcoming environment by extending compassion and hospitality to others in need; and

**Whereas**, New York State's diversity enhances its cultural richness, prosperity, and intellectual base for growth and competition within the global economy; and

**Whereas**, New York State's strength has always been in building and establishing communities where everybody has the opportunity to thrive and contribute to our shared success;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim the week of September 10 - 19, 2021 as

### WELCOMING WEEK

and call upon all New Yorkers, and our institutions, to reach across lines of difference to ensure that our great Empire State always embodies our nation's motto "E Pluribus Unum," – "Out of Many, One."

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



*Kathy Hochul*  
Governor

*[Signature]*  
Secretary to the Governor  
Karen Persichilli Keogh