



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 a 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, many who came through Ellis Island first setting sight on the Statue of Liberty – one of the most respected symbols of democracy with legendary words at its base that send a welcoming message to all people seeking a better life; 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 our whole society benefits when we foster a welcoming environment by extending compassion and hospitality to others in need; and

Whereas, we recognize that 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, and welcomes new immigrants who bring a wealth of social, cultural, and economic benefits to our state and nation;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 9 - 18, 2022 as

WELCOMING WEEK

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

G i v e n 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-two.



Kathy Hochul
Governor

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Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh