



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, maple syrup is nature's gift of sweetness from New York's Official State Tree – the sugar maple – that has given rise to a thriving business in our state, which ranks second in maple production nationally; in 2022, New York's maple producers set a state record high production of 845,000 gallons of maple syrup; and

Whereas, during the spring thaw, the rural landscape of New York State is transformed by the familiar sight of steam rising from sugar houses, as farm families work around the clock collecting and boiling the sap of sugar maples; and

Whereas, each year in New York State, two "Maple Weekends" are set aside to provide the opportunity for New York's maple producers to open their sugar houses to the public to demonstrate the process from which maple syrup is made; and

Whereas, this year marks the 28th anniversary of "Maple Weekends" and participating locations invite people of all ages to experience a time-honored Empire State tradition and enjoy a taste of various delicious maple treats that proudly carry the "Pride of New York" label to people worldwide – including maple syrup, maple candy, and a variety of other confections; and

Whereas, maple syrup production is a New York State tradition that dates back more than four centuries, and the homegrown maple industry is a key part of our agritourism and economy, with maple producers offering some of the best natural products in the country; and

Whereas, pure maple syrup is a 100% natural and unrefined sweetener that contains vitamins and minerals, and throughout the decades, new generations of New Yorkers have maintained operations for harvesting fresh maple sap and a variety of delicious maple products available for year round sale; we take this opportunity to recognize those who work hard to bring an ever-expanding variety of maple products from tree to table, keeping the maple industry a cherished part of our state's agricultural heritage and a viable component of our economy;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim March 18 - 19 and March 25 - 26, 2023 as

MAPLE WEEKENDS

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this sixteenth day
of March in the year two thousand twenty three.

Kathy Hochul
Governor

Karen Persichilli Keogh

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh