State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, expanding opportunities for people to achieve their academic and career goals is a priority of New York State, and residents of all backgrounds and socioeconomic means who wish to pursue higher education deserve support and assistance; and

Whereas, New York State recognizes that providing students access to a college education will help them realize professional and personal success as productive, contributing members of our state's workforce; and

Whereas, we can make significant progress as a society by creating generational change, and New York State is committed to increasing the number of students who obtain a college degree, including those from underrepresented communities, rural areas, economically disadvantaged, and first-generation students; and

Whereas, the absence or lack of necessary information, guidance, or support may be a barrier to successful completion of the college application process for some high school students who want to pursue a postsecondary education; and

Whereas, the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation, in partnership with schools and community organizations throughout the state, is participating in New York State College Application Month to provide college application assistance and support to traditionally underrepresented students and those who may not have considered attending a higher education institution; and

Whereas, high schools and community organizations across the state will host New York College Application events on their campuses throughout the month of October, ensuring that graduating seniors receive assistance in completing at least one college application; and

Whereas, New Yorkers join in supporting the important goals of New York College Application Month to make students aware of the many higher educational opportunities available to them; to increase their confidence, morale, and self esteem; to diminish doubts and concerns about the future; and to encourage all students to take a significant step toward college, thereby opening doors that lead to a better and brighter future;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

NEW YORK COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH

in the Empire State.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this fourth day of October in the year two thousand twenty-three.

Kathy Hochul

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh