



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Citation

Whereas, New York State recognizes the significant abilities, talents, and skills of people with disabilities, and proudly celebrates New York State's history of protecting the rights and liberties of people with disabilities; and

Whereas, on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law, comprising the world's first comprehensive civil rights law for people with disabilities; and

Whereas, all persons have the right to participate fully in all aspects of society without discrimination or prejudice; and

Whereas, the ADA was enacted to guarantee the full inclusion of all people with disabilities in all sectors of American society by establishing a national mandate for the elimination of barriers impeding access to social and economic life for individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas, the enactment of the ADA opened windows of opportunity for people with disabilities in New York State and throughout the nation; and

Whereas, the ADA has enabled New Yorkers with disabilities to live, work, study, travel, and participate in economic, recreational, and social activities without unnecessary barriers or discrimination; and

Whereas, New York State will continue to work to assure that State policies and practices will support the full integration and participation of New Yorkers with disabilities in all aspects of society; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers join to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the enactment of this landmark legislation and to celebrate the contributions and achievements of people with disabilities in New York State and throughout the nation;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby issue this Special Citation in observance of

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

with a fervent commitment to protecting and preserving its goals of safeguarding and expanding the freedoms of all individuals.



Governor
July 26, 2015