



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the Empire State is proud to join in celebrating historic achievements in the lives of distinguished New Yorkers who have helped shape our cultural history and have made important, lasting contributions to the lives of our residents; and

Whereas, one of the most iconic and influential figures in American music history, Billy Joel has had an immeasurable impact on the entertainment industry as a singer-songwriter and performer during an extraordinary, accomplished career spanning nearly half a century; and

Whereas, winner of six Grammy Awards and a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Billy has produced 33 Top 40 hits in the United States and sold more than 150 million records worldwide, making him one of the most beloved, respected, and best-selling artists of all time and an indelible influence on generations of performers and audience members across the world; and

Whereas, Billy's achievements and influence have continued throughout a long, successful touring career highlighted by decades of sold-out shows across the globe and countless milestones along the way; and

Whereas, since his first performance at Madison Square Garden on December 14, 1978, Billy has established an unmatched record of achievements at The World's Most Famous Arena, including records for most consecutive performances and most lifetime performances; and

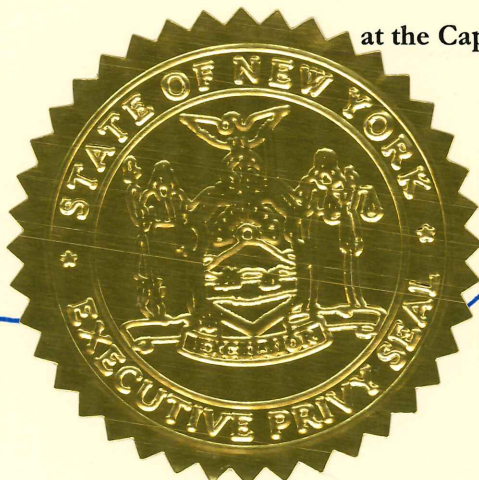
Whereas, as Billy marks his 54th consecutive performance and 100th lifetime performance at Madison Square Garden, all New Yorkers are proud to join in recognizing Billy's historic accomplishments and the indelible impact he has had on not only music but our state and nation's cultural landscape;


Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim July 18, 2018, as

BILLY JOEL DAY

in honor of his extraordinary history of leadership and contributions to the music industry and New York 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 July in the year two thousand eighteen.




Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa


Governor