



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, all New Yorkers are proud to join in honoring the life and legacy of Edie Windsor, a pioneer and icon in the LGBTQ movement who inspired people across our state and around the world through her courage, leadership, and tireless commitment to ensuring equality and justice; and

Whereas, throughout her extraordinary life, Edie broke down barriers – in her professional career, working with early mainframe computers and achieving the highest technical position of Senior Systems Programmer at IBM, and through her personal drive as a powerful and fearless voice for the LGBTQ community in New York and across the nation; and

Whereas, her landmark victory in *United States v. Windsor* marked a watershed in the movement to secure marriage rights for same-sex couples and paved the way for nationwide marriage equality; and

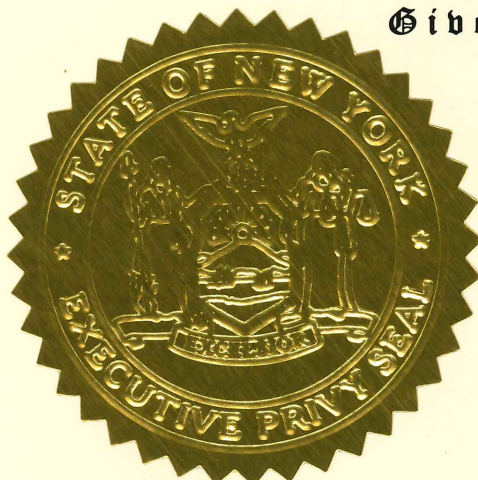
Whereas, Edie's strength, perseverance, and conviction in the face of adversity has made her a hero to all New Yorkers and an invaluable inspiration to countless others in the fight for equality; and

Whereas, June 20, 2018 marks what would have been Edie's 89th birthday, and all New Yorkers are proud to join in honoring and remembering Edie's extraordinary life, her legacy of groundbreaking leadership, and her lasting contributions to equality everywhere;

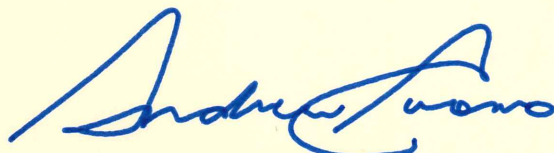
Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2018 as

EDIE WINDSOR DAY

in the Empire State in honor of her legacy of groundbreaking achievements and indelible contributions to our great state and nation.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany on this sixteenth
day of June in the year two thousand eighteen.


Governor



Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa