



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, the Empire State is proud to recognize significant milestones in the histories of watershed events that have helped shape our state and nation's cultural and artistic heritage and inspired generations of New Yorkers and Americans; and

**Whereas**, a pivotal moment in both New York and American history, the 1969 Woodstock Music & Art Fair brought together some of the most iconic musicians and artists of all time for three days of peace and music that changed our nation's cultural and political landscape; and

**Whereas**, more than 400,000 people traveled to Max Yasgur's 600-acre dairy farm in August 1969 for what became one of the most important cultural and social events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, highlighted by unforgettable performances by artists such as Jimi Hendrix, Joan Baez, the Grateful Dead, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Janis Joplin, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, and dozens more; and

**Whereas**, in the half century that has followed, the 1969 Woodstock festival has continued to hold a unique place in our state and nation's cultural legacy and the hearts and minds of countless New Yorkers and Americans; and

**Whereas**, the site of the 1969 Woodstock festival, now home to Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, was placed on the State and National Register of Historic Places in 2017, recognizing its lasting significance to our national history; the site continues to attract countless visitors from across the world each year, and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts has played a critical role in preserving the history of this world-famous New York landmark for current and future generations; and

**Whereas**, as Bethel Woods commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Music & Art Fair with "A Season of Song & Celebration" this summer, all New Yorkers are proud to join in celebrating the festival's pivotal place in our state and nation's history and its lasting influence on generations of individuals across the world;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim Summer 2019 as

## THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE 1969 WOODSTOCK MUSIC & ART FAIR

that took place on the current site of the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and remembered by New Yorkers and people worldwide as one of the most culturally, socially, and politically transformative events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**G i v e n** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this eleventh  
day of July in the year two thousand nineteen.



Governor

Secretary to the Governor  
Melissa DeRosa