



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Citation

**Whereas**, the Empire State is proud to join in recognizing significant milestones in the lives of distinguished individuals who have helped shape our cultural history and have bettered the lives of our residents; and

**Whereas**, one of the most iconic and beloved sports figures in American history, Yogi Berra has won the admiration of generations of New Yorkers throughout his career as a player, manager, and ambassador for our national pastime; and

**Whereas**, as a three-time Most Valuable Player, Yogi served as an invaluable part of the New York Yankees' mid-century dynasty, helping lead the team to ten world championships from the late 1940s to the early 1960s; elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972 and named to the All-Century Team in 1999, Yogi also excelled as a manager, becoming one of only seven skippers to win pennants in both the American League and National League; and

**Whereas**, Yogi's contributions to baseball continued after his retirement; as one of the game's most respected statesmen and a beloved presence in the Yankees' clubhouse, Yogi continues to serve as an unparalleled ambassador for the sport and its special place in American history; and

**Whereas**, Yogi's famous personality and wit have made him one of the most quoted figures in not only sports history but all of American culture, contributing such indelible phrases as "It ain't over till it's over" to our lexicon; and

**Whereas**, Yogi's long history of charitable work has only enhanced his position as an extraordinary resource and example to his fellow citizens; from the Yogi Berra Scholarship at Columbia University to his tireless efforts on behalf of youth and charitable organizations throughout the nation, Yogi has served as a model of generosity and selflessness to generations of New Yorkers; and

**Whereas**, all New Yorkers are proud to join in celebrating Yogi's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and in recognizing the indelible impact he has had on not only baseball and sports but our state and nation's cultural landscape;

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

## YOGI BERRA DAY

in the Empire State and extend best wishes, on behalf of all New Yorkers, for a memorable celebration.

A blue ink signature of Andrew M. Cuomo, written in a cursive style.

Governor  
May 12, 2015