



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the designation of September 20, 2011 as Addictions Professionals Day is an integral part of celebrating September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month and offers an opportunity to recognize those skilled individuals across New York State who provide services ranging from chemical dependence treatment, prevention and recovery, to problem gambling services for persons and communities in need; and

Whereas, the compassion and dedication of addictions professionals assure individuals and families the opportunity to live healthy and productive lives supported by long-term recovery; through science-based prevention programming, community and family values are reinforced to help our youth stay alcohol and drug free; and

Whereas, thanks to the vital and valuable efforts of these professionals, children stay in school, workers stay on the job, families stay together, and roadways and neighborhoods remain safe; and

Whereas, the men and women who comprise the addictions workforce in New York State serve in a wide range of settings – including hospitals, clinics, community-based programs and schools – and these professionals are highly skilled and trained in the delivery of treatment, prevention, and recovery services and provide medical care, counseling, education, social services, and family assistance; and

Whereas, there are approximately 7,500 credentialed addictions professionals throughout New York State who work tirelessly to improve lives and make New York State's communities safe and drug-free and, in order to do so, they maintain the utmost degree of proficiency, the highest standards of ethical practice, and engage in continuous learning and professional development; and

Whereas, Addictions Professionals Day acknowledges the thousands of health care professionals who have dedicated their lives to helping others and who serve as role models for young professionals by elevating the addictions profession to a level that is now recognized as a "profession of choice";

Whereas, I encourage all New Yorkers to support this day by recognizing the commitment and dedication that is exhibited by these professionals as they strive to help others achieve happy, productive, and fulfilling lives;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2011 as

ADDICTIONS PROFESSIONALS DAY

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this second day of September in the year two thousand eleven.


Governor


Secretary to the Governor