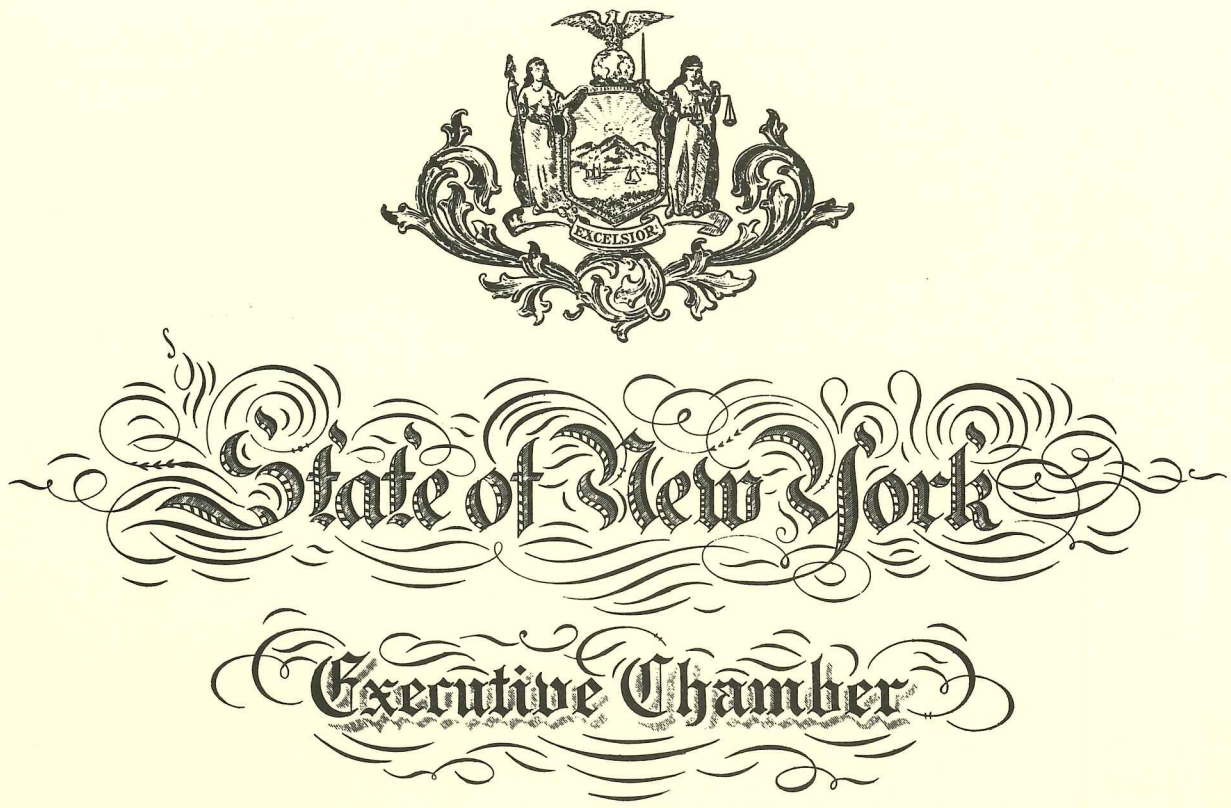

Proclamation

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; and

Whereas, addictions professionals are highly-trained, well-equipped, and caring people who are qualified to help young people identify and understand the dangers of prescription, over the counter and illegal drugs, and alcohol – and their potentially harmful effects on the body; and

Whereas, addictions professionals demonstrate an outstanding level of commitment to delivering high quality comprehensive care for people with Substance Use Disorders and, thanks to their efforts, more children graduate from school, more workers stay on the job, more families remain together, and our communities become safer; and

Whereas, the men and women who comprise the addictions workforce in New York State serve in a wide range of settings – such as 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 many thousands of 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 individuals who consider entering the addictions field, encouraging them to explore the personal fulfillment and rewards it can bring; and

Whereas, the designation of September 20, 2014 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 Substance Use Disorder treatment, prevention, and recovery, to problem gambling services for persons and communities in need; and

Whereas, it is fitting that all New Yorkers join in recognizing the commitment and dedication of the many addictions professionals in our state as they strive to help others realize productive and fulfilling lives;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do proclaim September 20, 2014 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 sixteenth day of September in the year two thousand fourteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor