



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the Empire State values all sectors of law enforcement, and appreciates its many members, who are dedicated to preserving and protecting the safety of our communities; therefore, we join to support the annual observance of "Sheriffs Week," which has been designated as September 18 - 24, 2016, highlighting the service and contributions of county sheriffs as a distinct and vital component of municipal government; and

Whereas, since its creation as one of the first public offices in colonial America, the Office of Sheriff has been an integral part of the criminal justice system in New York State, having been established in our state's first Constitution; and

Whereas, while its function, status, and powers have changed over the course of its existence, the Office of Sheriff has been a constant and invaluable presence within the law enforcement community of our state; and

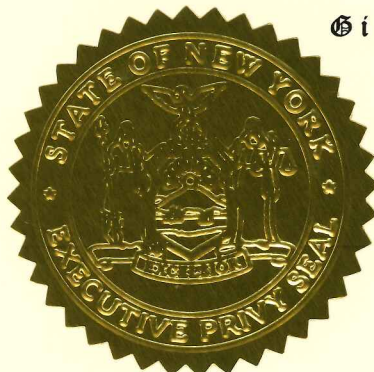
Whereas, the Office of Sheriff is unique and its duties encompass many facets of public service, such as maintaining county jails, providing security in courts, dispatching emergency services, and serving and executing the civil process for our court system; and

Whereas, as a constitutionally-established public office, the Office of Sheriff is directly accountable to the public it serves, fulfilling a distinctive and crucial public safety role in our state; it is, therefore, fitting for all New Yorkers to officially recognize the Office of Sheriff and its longstanding place within our criminal justice system;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 18 - 24, 2016 as

SHERIFFS WEEK

in the Empire State.



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

Governor

Wesley J. Mahon
Secretary to the Governor