



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the citizens of the Empire State place the highest priority on the well-being of our children – truly our most precious resource and our greatest symbol of hope for the future, and ensuring the health and safety of children is a concern of New Yorkers, all of whom share responsibility for providing them with such fundamental needs as food, shelter, education and warm clothing during the cold, harsh winter months; and

Whereas, dedicated to humanitarian causes on behalf of citizens are many generous organizations, businesses and individuals within our State that work to meet fundamental needs of people by supporting meaningful initiatives such as “Keep New York State Warm Month” – an outstanding program of action and compassion sponsored by The National Cleaners Association, Councilwoman Annabel Palma, The United Methodist Church, Church of God’s Children, The United Coalition Association, Health Plus, and the Community Democratic Club – whereby massive coat drives held during the month of January in communities across our State provide many with suitably warm and protective winter outerwear; and

Whereas, on January 23, 2010, these organizations, religious institutions, civic groups and charitable entities, along with affiliates and supporters, will deliver thousands of coats to shelters, churches and community centers for distribution to people in need, and we applaud them for their openhearted donation of time and facilities for this cause as, by doing so, they ensure that many New Yorkers are kept warm through the gift of clean, comfortable outerwear; and

Whereas, cleaning establishments that participate in this outstanding program are assisted by local businesses and organizations that offer drop-off locations for the collection of used coats and outerwear, and these drop-off points can be found in government offices, courthouses, churches, synagogues, retail outlets and schools; and

Whereas, the success of this program is especially apparent in the faces of the many children it benefits as, most importantly, it furthers their sense of dignity, self esteem and pride; and

Whereas, we gratefully acknowledge the valuable charitable work carried out by the sponsors and supporters of this initiative and applaud all participating in this worthy program as they truly illustrate the sense of compassion, spirit of humanitarianism, and honorable character of all New Yorkers;

Now, Therefore, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim January 2010 as

KEEP NEW YORK STATE WARM MONTH

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this seventh day
of January in the year two thousand ten.

David A. Paterson

Governor

James Schwartz
Secretary to the Governor