



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, mentoring is a highly effective strategy for enriching the lives of children and young adults by matching them with caring, responsible adults who can provide guidance and build their confidence; and

Whereas, mentors help to promote healthy development and self-confidence by building positive and caring relationships; and

Whereas, research shows that mentoring has beneficial and long-term effects on youth by increasing their academic engagement and decreasing the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky behaviors; and

Whereas, January is designated as National Mentoring Month to raise awareness of the value of mentoring, to encourage individuals to become mentors, and to promote mentoring by recruiting organizations to engage in mentoring opportunities; and

Whereas, January 26, 2012 is observed as "Thank Your Mentor Day" when many Americans will reach out to thank or honor those individuals who encouraged and guided them, and have had a lasting, positive impact on their lives; and

Whereas, it is fitting that all New Yorkers join to recognize the importance of mentoring, acknowledge the dedicated individuals who serve as mentors, and encourage more citizens to help build a brighter future for the youth of New York through mentoring;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim January 2012 as

NEW YORK MENTORING MONTH

in the Empire State.



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

Governor

Secretary to the Governor