



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Citation

Whereas, New York State strives to maintain the health and well-being of our residents and as such welcomes the opportunity to recognize institutions that pursue this worthwhile endeavor; it is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge the New York Labor History Association on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and

Whereas, on May 27, 1976, the New York Labor History Association was founded on the land grant college of Cornell University, and for the past century has uplifted the accomplishments of New York State's working people and their labor unions, who have worked ceaselessly to raise wages and benefits, improve working conditions, and enhance the quality of life for all workers; and

Whereas, the New York Labor History Association was instrumental in having May declared Labor History Month in New York State in 1986, and the legacy of this advocacy is visible in the many labor-related events held during the month of May throughout the State; and

Whereas, the New York Labor History Association has uplifted the work of John Commerford, a Brooklyn cabinet maker and major labor leader of the early 19th century who advocated for free public education and whose name bears the signature annual labor prize awarded by the Association; and

Whereas, today, the New York Labor History Association is an organization of trade unionists, academics, students, archivists, educators, labor editors, attorneys, and retirees who encourage the study of workers and their labor unions while celebrating their achievements;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, hereby confer this Special Citation upon the

NEW YORK LABOR HISTORY ASSOCIATION

with congratulations and best wishes for continued success.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Hochul".

Governor
May 2026