



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Citation

**Whereas**, the UJA-Federation of New York exemplifies a longstanding tradition of volunteerism by the good people of this great State, and all New Yorkers welcome the opportunity to recognize the launching of Mitzvah Month – the new initiative of this truly valuable and benevolent organization; and

**Whereas**, responding to the challenges of our world, the humanitarian and altruistic endeavors of more than 100 agencies in New York and around the globe, particularly the Women's Philanthropy Division of UJA-Federation, have fostered positive change by creating opportunities, encouraging progress, and offering individuals hope for the future; and

**Whereas**, by effectively sharing their knowledge, skills, and resources, UJA-Federation volunteers care for those in need, rescue those in harm's way, and renew and strengthen the Jewish people in New York, in Israel and around the world; and

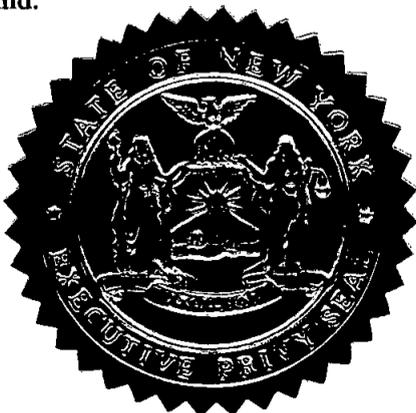
**Whereas**, the Empire State is proud to be home to such remarkable volunteers and benefactors who have been an integral part of this enduring legacy of service for close to a century; through their extraordinary programs and projects, UJA continues to improve the lives of the world's more vulnerable populations, while also solidifying and preserving the identity and values of the Jewish people; and

**Whereas**, it is most appropriate to commend all affiliated with the UJA-Federation of New York for what will undoubtedly be an unprecedented number of good deeds done and blessings bestowed during the upcoming months of November and December; with compassionate determination to help others help themselves in building better lives, good-hearted individuals will participate in hands-on volunteer activities that will foster bonds of friendship and promote a deeper understanding between those less fortunate and those charitable souls who give freely of themselves for the benefit of others;

**Now, Therefore**, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby cite

## THE KICK-OFF OF UJA FEDERATION'S MITZVAH MONTH

with best wishes for great success in this exceptional initiative and in moving toward a brighter tomorrow for all humankind.



*David A. Paterson*

**Governor**

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