



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, the first state branch of the National PTA, the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA) was established in 1897 as an advocacy organization to promote the education, health, and safety of all children and youth, its mission today supported through the efforts of nearly 300,000 dedicated volunteer members; and

**Whereas**, currently the third largest in the nation, New York State PTA has for the past 117 years been a valuable partner with parents, educators, administrators, legislators, and communities in working to build a safe, healthy, and enriching environment for children through increased parent and family engagement in education; and

**Whereas**, with the primary goal of helping every child realize his or her full potential, New York State PTA continues to serve as the premier organization for parent involvement and advocacy for all children by facilitating collaboration and communication between home, school, and community; and

**Whereas**, we recognize the value, importance, and benefits of parents as partners in their children's education, and New York State PTA fosters parental involvement by offering exceptional training opportunities at the annual Summer Leadership Conference, State Convention, and Legislative Education Conference; it encourages families and communities to read together through literacy resources and programs, such as Parents As Reading Partners (PARP), and promotes meaningful engagement to improve student achievement through its support of the National PTA's Standards for Family-School Partnerships; and

**Whereas**, this year, New York State PTA highlights the theme, "*Reflect the Past, Transform Today, and Inspire Tomorrow*" by looking to its past success and working toward its future goals to encourage parents, families, and communities to advocate for and support initiatives that improve education and the quality of life for the youth of our state, today and in the future; and

**Whereas**, New York State PTA proudly remains strong in its commitment to children across the state and, during PTA Membership Month, encourages all of its units to reach out and engage the participation of its diverse statewide membership;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as

## PTA MEMBERSHIP 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 nineteenth day of August in the year two thousand fourteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor