



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Citation

Whereas, the citizens of New York State gratefully acknowledge those individuals who are dedicated to the progress of medicine and enhanced healthcare for all people and, therefore, we join to recognize Ira Eliasoph, M.D., FACS, as he retires from a distinguished career in the field of ophthalmology and ophthalmic surgery; and

Whereas, throughout his long and accomplished career, Dr. Eliasoph has earned well-deserved respect from his colleagues in medicine and especially those who share his lifelong devotion to the preservation, improvement and restoration of eyesight, as he has been a pioneer in the development of medical and surgical procedures that have helped advance the quality of vision care and the standards of such care; and

Whereas, a graduate of Kenyon College and New York University College of Medicine, Dr. Eliasoph served his medical internship at Montefiore Hospital prior to answering the call to patriotic duty in 1953, when he joined the United States Navy and served for two years as a physician on Naval transport ships traveling to Europe, Africa, the Mediterranean and the Far East, receiving commendation from the National Safety Council for his heroic actions in the North Atlantic in January of 1955 when he was part of a rescue effort whereby he helped save the lives of several sailors; and

Whereas, Dr. Eliasoph began his study of ophthalmology at New York University Postgraduate Medical School and would ultimately follow in the footsteps of his beloved father and highly respected internist, Benjamin Eliasoph, in attending the Mount Sinai Hospital, and he subsequently became a lecturer at Mount Sinai's School of Nursing and an Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the School of Medicine where he has been on staff since 1966; and

Whereas, certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology, Dr. Eliasoph has an impressive record as an ophthalmic surgeon noted for his work in plastic and reconstructive surgery, and is Chief of Ophthalmology at the Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged, Chief of Oculoplastic Surgery at Veterans Affairs Hospital, and is an Associate Attending Ophthalmic Surgeon at Mount Sinai Hospital, the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, and Veterans Affairs Hospital; and

Whereas, in addition to his longstanding professional memberships in various medical associations, the New York State and County Medical Societies, national committees and organizations, as well as prestigious fellowships, Dr. Eliasoph is recognized for his advocacy on behalf of the ophthalmic community and the greater medical profession; and

Whereas, in an environment of complex and ever-changing medical services, Dr. Eliasoph has had a valuable role in the development of a more efficient and high quality healthcare system through his exemplary work in the field of ophthalmology and he is to be commended for his commitment to providing an unsurpassed level of eye care for many;

Now, Therefore, I, Eliot Spitzer, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby confer this special Citation upon

IRA ELIASOPH, M.D., FACS

as he is appropriately honored for his extraordinary medical career and stellar achievements in ophthalmology.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eliot Spitzer'.

Governor
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