



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Citation

Whereas, the citizens of the Empire State are instilled with a great sense of compassion and we are fortunate to be home to charitable organizations that provide comfort and support to seriously ill children and their families and, in that regard, we are pleased to acknowledge this special event to benefit the young people who receive valuable medical treatment at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York Presbyterian; and

Whereas, hosted by *The Eve Fenton Love-All Foundation*, this event commemorates the 232nd birthday of our Nation, as well as Bastille Day – in honor of France's Independence – and this shared celebration of liberty is cause for reflection upon those values we hold in common and that remain a foundation of the friendly accord that exists between France and the United States; and

Whereas, we applaud all who are involved in supporting this worthy cause and extend thanks to a community of caring individuals who are a source of comfort and compassion for many families who are enduring the illness of a child, and we also commend the exceptional team of professionals and entire staff at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York Presbyterian for their outstanding dedication and commitment to children; and

Whereas, the celebration of a country's liberty inspires pride and serves to renew one's allegiance to the principles upon which that nation is founded, and all New Yorkers are filled with a sense of patriotism each year when we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 and, as we all want our children to grow up to be healthy and strong, the word "freedom" takes on special meaning for children who are ill and want to return to good health and grow up to live long and productive lives; and

Whereas, we also celebrate "*Fête Nationale*," or, the National Holiday of France – a country with which the United States has had a long and enduring friendship – and New York is fortunate to be home to various nationalities, including a strong representation of individuals of French ancestry who share the traditions of their homeland and uphold the principles of freedom that are so fundamental to life in America; and

Whereas, this occasion brings together a community of generous individuals in a show of concern for children and youth battling serious diseases, as we need to increase public awareness and understanding for the special needs population of youth, and this worthy cause focuses on the well-being of children facing health challenges and I applaud this outstanding expression of care from many people;

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

THE EVE FENTON LOVE-ALL FOUNDATION

for its work on behalf of seriously ill children who are greatly helped by the love they receive from many here today.



David A. Paterson

Governor
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