



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State recognizes the contributions of informal caregivers — spouses, children, parents, grandparents, other extended family members, neighbors, and friends — who provide a variety of direct care and assistance to older adults and persons with disabilities every day, helping them maintain their independence and dignity; and

Whereas, New Yorkers are known for their compassion and concern for others, well-exemplified by the more than four million unpaid informal caregivers in our state who provide direct care and support to persons of all ages and often make sacrifices to improve the lives of their loved ones; and

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the toll of caregiving is especially severe for those who are raising children and simultaneously caregiving for an older adult; and

Whereas, many caregivers continue to uphold their responsibilities of full or part-time paid employment while, at the same time, caring for a loved one, and employers have an important role in helping caregivers self-identify as such and connect them with community resources; and

Whereas, launched in 2022, New York State's Working Caregivers initiative is providing individuals and employers with tools to address the unique stresses of balancing work with a caregiving role for family, friends, or neighbors, and offers information about services and resources of assistance to them; and

Whereas, in today's complex and changing world, there is growing awareness of issues that impact caregivers and recognition of their valuable work and, in response, New York State has instituted important measures to help individuals live independently in their communities of choice and to support family members who care for older New Yorkers living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; enacted the most comprehensive Paid Family Leave program in the nation; created the NY Connects program to provide objective information on long-term services and supports to maximize independence; and implemented a statewide respite voucher program, among other efforts; and

Whereas, caregivers are an integral part of health and long-term services and supports in New York State and, without them, thousands of vulnerable individuals would require care in institutional settings; we take this opportunity to recognize the meaningful contributions of informal caregivers, knowing that their selfless commitment, generosity, and dedication make a profound difference in the lives of others and reflects the best aspects of the human spirit and its unlimited capacity to give;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim November 2024 as

CAREGIVER RECOGNITION 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 first day of
November in the year two thousand twenty-four.

Kathy Hochul
Governor

Karen Persichilli Keogh
Secretary to the Governor
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