

State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, trusted health care experts and professionals in our state agree that an individual's nutrition status is a direct measure of their physical health and that proper nutrition is essential for whole-body wellness; as such, we hold that nutrition is a human right that all people are deserving of; and

Whereas, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, can have many negative effects on the body, such as loss of lean body mass and decreased organ functioning, that impact health outcomes; malnutrition is intensified by social and economic disparities and is prevalent in hospitalized patients, underserved communities, and those affected by food insecurity; and

Whereas, individuals undergoing hospitalization are especially affected by malnutrition and its repercussions; 32% to 54% percent of patients and 37% of pediatric patients suffer from malnutrition; these individuals experience twice the mortality rate of all patients and are twice as likely to be diagnosed with an infection or undergo mechanical ventilation treatment; and

Whereas, rigorous health screenings, including proper diagnoses and interventions in case of malnutrition, are key to supporting our residents and maintaining proper medical standards for care and recovery in New York State; and

Whereas, New York State takes a coordinated approach across numerous government agencies, such as the Department of Health, the Office for Temporary and Disability Assistance, the State Education Department, the Department of Agriculture and Markets, and the Office for the Aging to deliver programs, services, and support to prevent malnutrition and address nutrition disparities for all people;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 8 - 12, 2025 as

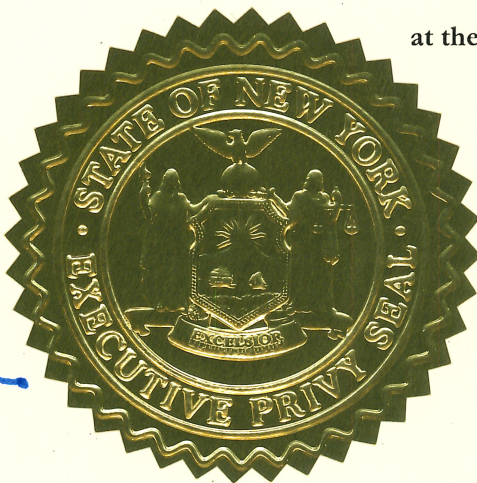
MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

in the Empire State.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty first day
of August in the year two thousand twenty-five.

A blue ink signature of Karen Persichilli Keogh.

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh



A blue ink signature of Kathy Hochul.

Governor