



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, New York – the Empire State – is proud to recognize its most celebrated and distinguished native sons for their vast contributions to the betterment of our great State, and to the United States of America as a whole; and

**Whereas**, Theodore Roosevelt, who was born in New York City on October 27, 1858, was an active leader and reformer in State politics having served in the State Assembly representing New York City (1882-84), as President of the New York City Board of Police Commissioners (1895-97), and as Governor of New York State (1898-1900); and

**Whereas**, Roosevelt carried his reputation for independence and integrity to the national level, proudly representing New York in his service as U.S. Civil Service Commissioner (1889-95), Assistant Secretary of the Navy (1897), Colonel of the U.S. Army volunteer regiment, "The Rough Riders," during the Spanish-American War – for which he received the Medal of Honor, Vice President of the United States (1901), and as the 26<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, serving from 1901 until 1909; and

**Whereas**, President Roosevelt worked passionately to advance the Nation on a path towards progress and growth for all citizens through his "Square Deal" policies, establishing numerous reforms that continue to benefit Americans today, including trust regulation and consumer protection; and

**Whereas**, a leading advocate for conservation, Roosevelt created the U.S. Forest Service, signed the Antiquities Act, and extended federal protection over millions of acres, including precious forest lands and national monuments; and

**Whereas**, Roosevelt demonstrated America's growing global significance, issuing the Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine and promoting construction of the Panama Canal and, as a leading figure in international diplomacy, he was the first American to be awarded the *Nobel Peace Prize* after negotiating an end to the Russo-Japanese War in 1905; and

**Whereas**, a lifelong resident of New York State, Roosevelt in his later years established a residence in Oyster Bay which would serve as his summer White House during his presidency and that remained his home for the rest of his life, and in flourishing as a politician, statesman, reformer, ranchman, soldier, author, historian, naturalist, and explorer, this consummate New Yorker certainly was the embodiment of life realized to its fullest potential and defined by its quest for excellence;

**Now, Therefore**, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 27, 2008, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt's birth, to be

## THEODORE ROOSEVELT DAY

in the Empire State.



**G i v e n** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twelfth day of September in the year two thousand eight.

*David A. Paterson*

Governor

*[Signature]*

Secretary to the Governor