



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Citation

**Whereas**, this year marks a significant milestone as His Highness, the Aga Khan, commemorates his 60<sup>th</sup> year as the Imam of the world's 15 million Shia Ismaili Muslims, and New York State joins to celebrate such a noteworthy anniversary for this respected spiritual leader; and

**Whereas**, the Aga Khan is the 49<sup>th</sup> hereditary Imam and direct descendant of the Prophet Muhammad, and is recognized for his tireless and dedicated work over many decades, improving human conditions for millions throughout the world; and

**Whereas**, the Aga Khan is Founder and Chairman of the Aga Khan Development Network, and the generosity of His Highness has reached people throughout the world, including in South Asia, Central Asia, and Africa, and improved the quality of life for communities of all races, religions, and ethnicities; and

**Whereas**, today, the Aga Khan Development Network operates in over 30 countries leading programs that focus on economic development, education, healthcare, culture, and environmental sustainability; and

**Whereas**, providing an example through his own good deeds, the Aga Khan promotes and upholds the values of pluralism and common humanity; and

**Whereas**, during this Diamond Jubilee year, it is fitting to congratulate and extend best wishes to His Highness for his vision and inspiring leadership over the past six decades;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby confer this Special Citation in honor of

## THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF HIS HIGHNESS THE AGA KHAN

and on behalf of all New Yorkers, offer our warmest welcome and kindest regards as he commemorates this momentous milestone in his life.



Governor  
November 1, 2017