

State of New York

Executive Chamber

Citation

Whereas, the Empire State is proud to acknowledge significant milestones in the history of institutions that have improved the lives of our residents and enriched the fabric of New York; this past year has presented the opportunity to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the State University of New York College of Optometry and its commitment to advancing visual health and patient care through leadership in education, vision science, and service; and

Whereas, on April 14, 1971, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller signed legislation establishing SUNY College of Optometry in New York City; drawing highly talented students from all over the world, the College's academic, professional, and research programs are characterized by innovation, defined by their impact, and supported by an exceptional faculty and professional staff; and

Whereas, the College serves as a hub for scientific knowledge and study of vision issues, as well as a national leader in optometric education and continuing professional education, offering the Doctor of Optometry degree as well as MS and Ph.D degrees in vision science; the College has a highly-regarded research department and their work has led to overall advancement of vision care, earning national recognition for study conducted at the Clinical Vision Research Center, Schnurmacher Institute for Vision Research, and the Graduate Center for Research; and

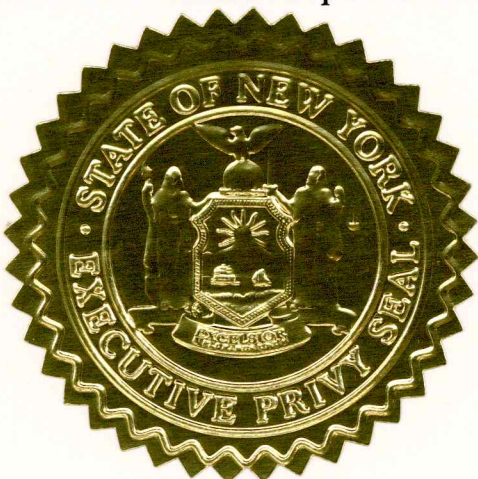
Whereas, as an urban campus, the College strongly embraces its public service mission of clinical care by providing routine, medical, and specialized eye care services to tens of thousands of patients annually at the University Eye Care Center which is a unique resource for the metropolitan area and one of the largest vision and eye care clinics in the nation; and

Whereas, New Yorkers are proud to join in congratulating SUNY College of Optometry on celebrating its 50th Anniversary – looking back at a half century of cutting edge optometric research and education and ahead to many more years of success and outstanding student achievement;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby cite

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

for its dedication to the education of optometrists and to the advancement of eye and vision care.



Kathy Hochul
Governor
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