



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Citation

**Whereas**, we recognize and value the importance of those exceptional seats of higher learning that brightly burn the lamp of knowledge for all, and pass the torch of wisdom to those who will come after, and we gratefully note extraordinary institutions that foster and perpetuate the intellectual growth and personal enrichment of the citizens of the State of New York; and

**Whereas**, in 1817, the Baptist Education Society of the State of New York was formed in the Town of Hamilton in Madison County and in 1819, the NYS State Legislature granted a charter for their school and so began the creation of an extraordinarily beautiful campus that would become Colgate University; in 1823, the Baptist Education Society merged with the Baptist Theological Seminary of New York City and the school became the Hamilton Literary & Theological Institution; in 1846, the school's name changed to Madison University, and in 1890, it changed again to reflect the enormous support given by the Colgate Family, founders of the famous soap company; and

**Whereas**, today, Colgate, a leading American university, continues to demonstrate the vision and effective leadership which challenge young women and men to maximize their potential and become the leaders of tomorrow; recognized as a superlative and award-winning liberal arts college, Colgate is private, non-denominational, coeducational, and 4-year; for two centuries now, it has graduated countless outstanding students who have successfully earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in one of 56 undergraduate majors, or a Master of Arts in Teaching, and gone on to flourishing careers, while making a positive and ethical difference in the world; and

**Whereas**, this excellent university is well-known for its outstanding faculty, innovative curriculum, rigorous programs, and the supporting, responsive, and enjoyable collegiate community that has earned a sterling reputation in the larger community of Hamilton; a high percentage of the student body is involved in athletics, either varsity, club, or intramural, and the school's teams are very competitive; Colgate plays in NCAA Division 1, FCS, and in the ECAC for hockey; the teams are known as the Raiders, and they have enjoyed many victories in football, hockey, and golf; and

**Whereas**, Brian W. Casey, 17<sup>th</sup> President of Colgate University, the administration, faculty, staff, students, parents, and alumni, as well as friends and well-wishers can be deservedly proud and joyful as they gather for many wonderful festivities, including concerts, fireworks, Homecoming games, and Family Weekend, to commemorate the founding, the history, and the mission of this prestigious school;

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

### THE 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF COLGATE UNIVERSITY

and extend congratulations and warm regards to this distinguished and revered establishment for its longstanding tradition of excellence in education and caring service to the public.



Governor

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