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ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Waterfront Alliance's Heroes of the Harbor Gala.

I'm proud to join on behalf of all New Yorkers in honoring the heroes on the front lines whose leadership and tireless dedication have been invaluable to helping keep our maritime and harbor community safe and our regional economy moving during one of the most challenging times in our history. My thanks to Congresswoman Nydia M. Velázquez and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for their extraordinary work during the COVID-19 pandemic and my respect and appreciation to the family of the late Louis Pernice for his history of leadership and contributions as President of ILA Local 1814.

I want to extend special thanks to Rick Cotton and his extraordinary team at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for their exemplary work to maintain the critically important maritime supply chain despite new and unprecedented challenges caused by the COVID-19 crisis. We're proud to have them all working so tirelessly on our behalf and exemplifying what it means to be "New York Tough" at a time like this.

Rick and his team at PANYNJ and their fellow honorees provide tremendous examples of service and civic commitment to the rest of New York at a time when it is truly needed most. It's my pleasure to join in honoring them and saluting the Waterfront Alliance's important, ongoing dedication to ensuring the strength, resilience, accessibility, and health of our maritime and harbor community.

With warmest regards and best wishes to all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew M. Cuomo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" being particularly prominent.

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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