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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone participating in this gala hosted as a virtual event by the Center for Migration Studies of New York, honoring immigrant essential workers.

New York's strength is its diversity of people, and we take pride in our multicultural society that is admired worldwide. As home to immigrants of all backgrounds, we are the fortunate beneficiaries of their cultural, social, and intellectual contributions, and always welcome a continuous flow of people to our shores.

The Center for Migration Studies of New York is a valuable resource for the study and development of policies to protect and advance the rights of immigrant and refugee populations, ensuring the dignity that all human beings deserve. As an educational arm of the Scalabrini Congregation of the Catholic Missionaries of St. Charles, the Center is committed to promoting a supportive, positive environment that assists newly-arrived individuals and families as they work to successfully assimilate into American society.

While each of us are asked during this health crisis to exercise safety through social distancing, technology thankfully allows you to hold this event in a virtual setting, reinforcing your sense of unity and purpose. Tonight, you honor a community of immigrant essential workers who make important contributions to our daily lives and who continue to give of themselves as we work together to get through the COVID-19 pandemic, and I join to extend profound thanks.

Warmest regards and best wishes for a meaningful celebration.

Sincerely,

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

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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