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STATE OF NEW YORK
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DAVID A. PATERSON
GOVERNOR

March 12, 2009

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to everyone gathered for the *13th Annual Western New York Women's Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon*, presented by Project Flight.

The annual March observance of Women's History Month provides us with the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of extraordinary women – the courageous spirit of those female trailblazers from the past as well as the empowering role models of our present.

Established in 1997 at Buffalo State College by Project Flight, the Hall of Fame honors the remarkable strength and talents of area women. All have distinguished themselves through their professional accomplishments and meaningful contributions. I applaud the passion and commitment they have for serving the needs of one's community and making a real difference in people's lives.

Each of today's inductees is deserving of this honor, and I join in congratulating Dr. Catherine Collins, Donna Fernandes, Beverly Foit-Albert, Celeste Lawson, Nancy McGlen, Marylouise Nanna and Evelyn Pizarro, who serve as inspirational examples to women and girls everywhere.

With warmest regards, and best wishes for a pleasant afternoon, and may all in attendance have continued success in their important endeavors.

Sincerely,

David A. Paterson