



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Citation

Whereas, New York State strives to maintain the excellence and accountability of its government institutions as well as residents' trust in those institutions; it is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge the Offices of the Inspector General for New York State on the occasion of their 40th anniversary; and

Whereas, the Offices of the Inspector General (OIG) was established by Executive Order 79 in 1986 as an independent agency dedicated to promoting integrity and transparency in government agencies while also investigating claims of fraud and corruption; OIG's three divisions, the Inspector General, Welfare Inspector General, and Workers' Compensation Fraud Inspector General, are presently led by New York State Inspector General Lucy Lang; and

Whereas, the Office of the New York State Inspector General (NYSIG), as established by Executive Law Article 4-A, is responsible for examining potential criminal activity, conflicts of interest, and abuse among state employees and entities and determining potential measures of disciplinary action or legal prosecution; NYSIG also manages direct monitoring of major state infrastructure projects, including the Moynihan Train Hall and the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, for similar nefarious activity; and

Whereas, the Office of the New York State Welfare Inspector General (OWIG), as established by Executive Law Section 74, ensures adherence to state public assistance laws and examining potential fraud among welfare beneficiaries as well as local social service organizations; to deter such activities, OWIG partners with law enforcement agencies and implements policies to prevent and detect such criminal behavior; and

Whereas, the Office of the New York State Workers' Compensation Fraud Inspector General (WCFIG), as established by Workers' Compensation Law Section 136, assesses violations of the state workers' compensation system by analyzing both testimony from individuals such as medical professionals, employers, and insurance carriers, as well as records such as claim files and health care records; WFIG also provides oversight of the state's Paid Family Leave program; and

Whereas, the OIG conducts multi-faceted outreach programs to raise awareness of the prevalence of the aforementioned criminal ventures, instill knowledge of state ethical standards, and assist concerned individuals and entities, such as social services employees, retail stores, insurers, law judges, and welfare investigators, in reporting claims; and

Whereas, the OIG plays an essential role in fostering confidence in state government and strengthening our democracy;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, hereby confer this Special Citation upon

THE OFFICES OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

with best wishes for continued success.



Kathy Hochul

Governor
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