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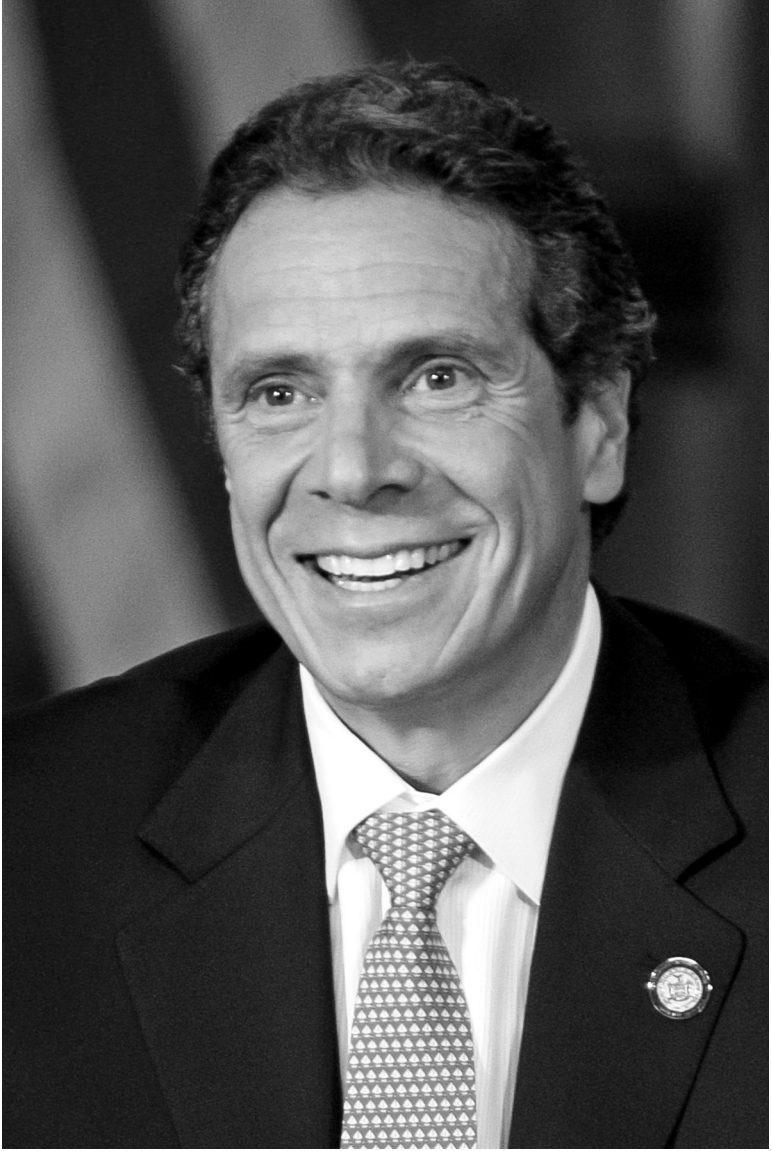
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THE GOVERNOR'S FLAG AND COLOR

The records of the Adjutant General's Office indicate that the first Governor's Flag was authorized about 1900.

State Military Regulation 16, section 2, dated 8 April 1966 provides the following description:

a. The flag of the Governor is of blue wool bunting, 10.2 feet hoist by 16 feet fly. In each of the four corners is a white five-pointed star with one point upwards, and in the center of the flag is the coat of arms of the State.

b. The color of the Governor is of blue silk, 4 feet 4 inches hoist by 5 feet 6 inches fly, of the same design as that of the flag of the Governor and trimmed on three edges with a knotted fringe of blue and gold bullion 2.5 inches wide. The device and stars are embroidered. The staff is of wood, ebony finish, single screw jointed, 10 feet 3 inches in length, including gold-plated head and ferrule. The head is a spear 7.75 inches in height. Attached just below the head of the staff is a cord 8 feet 6 inches in length, with a tassel at each end. Cord and tassel are of blue and gold silk strands.

c. The boat flag of the Governor is of blue wool bunting, 3 feet hoist by 4 feet fly, of the same design as that of the flag of the Governor.

d. The automobile flag of the Governor is of blue silk or other suitable material, 1 foot 6 inches hoist by 2 feet 2 inches fly, of the same design as that of the flag of the Governor, and is trimmed on three edges with a knotted fringe of blue and gold silk strands 1.5 inches wide.

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INTRODUCTION

THIS is the one-hundred eighth edition of THE NEW YORK RED BOOK. It has been published since 1892 and, throughout that time, has had as its objective the informal presentation of pertinent facts concerning New York State, its political subdivisions and the officials who administer its affairs. Its publication is authorized by concurrent resolution of the Senate and Assembly and it is recognized and accepted as a source of reliable information by public officials, news agencies, and the general public.

Through the cooperation of the public relations units of the various State agencies, the material used is both timely and dependable and is prepared and edited by the persons best qualified to furnish authentic information in their respective fields.

Among the regular features appearing in each edition are: Pictures and brief biographies of The Governor, The Former Governors, The Lieutenant Governor, all members of both houses of the Legislature, the Judges of the Court of Appeals and Court of Claims, department heads and other officials in executive positions in the various departments and divisions, the President and Vice President of the United States, United States Senators and members of Congress from New York. Pictures of accredited legislative correspondents, officers of the Senate and Assembly. Pertinent information concerning the Legislature, State and Federal Courts, Departments and other State agencies. Lists of county officials, officers of recognized political parties. Latest election results for statewide offices, Justices of the Supreme Court, Congressmen, Senators and Members of Assembly, and vote on proposed constitutional amendments.

All material appearing in this edition has been revised and corrected except where copy was not returned to the editor.

THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE

Since the Revolution and the organization of New York as a State, the appointment by the Legislature of various commissions to prepare devices for the Great Seal of the State has resulted in five modifications. The Great Seal of 1777 was devised by a committee consisting of Messrs. Morris, Jay and Hobart, and was to be used for all the purposes for which the Crown Seal was used under the Colony. The second form was the Arms and Seal complete, devised by a committee in 1778 consisting of Governor George Clinton and Chancellor Livingston.



The third Seal was devised pursuant to the provisions of an act passed in 1798, authorizing the Comptroller, Attorney-General and Surveyor-General to repair the old Seal or cause a new one to be made. This commission decided to make a new one and recorded a description of it on January 22, 1799. In 1809 the Legislature passed an act authorizing the Governor to prepare a new Seal, which resulted in the fourth Great Seal, first used on November 28 of that year.

The fifth and last form given to the Arms, on the Seals of the State, was in 1882, following a report by a commission consisting of Governor Alonzo B. Cornell, Secretary of State Joseph B. Carr and Comptroller James W. Wadsworth.

The Great Seal of the State is in the custody of the Secretary of State.