



NEW YORK STATE
SENATE



Proclamation

**HONORING THE CROSS CULTURAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS 2017 RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

WHEREAS, A great state is only as great as those organizations that perform exemplary service on behalf of their community; and

WHEREAS, Such organizations are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, I, New York State Senator Tony Avella, hereby honor the Cross Cultural Internship Program (CCIP) upon the occasion of its 2017 Recognition Ceremony, to take place on Monday, July 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, CCIP is a goodwill cultural exchange initiative organized by FUSIA Communications, a State Department designated Exchange Visitor Program sponsor in the J-1 Intern category; and

WHEREAS, The CCIP Recognition Ceremony is held annually to recognize those individuals and organizations that have contributed to the J-1 cultural exchange internship initiative; this activity has been a staple of the growth of the Cross Cultural Internship Program since 2008; and

WHEREAS, Administered by the New York Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Private Sector Exchange, the Exchange Visitor Program is designed to increase mutual understanding between Americans and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchanges; and

WHEREAS, The J-1 Internship program is designed to allow foreign college and university students or recent graduates to come to the United States to gain exposure to American culture, and to receive hands-on experience in American business practices in their chosen occupational field; and

WHEREAS, This year, seventy-four students will take part in the program where they obtain structured and guided work-based experience; these students come from one of the program's partner universities in Asia; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That I, New York State Senator Tony Avella, recognize that in the Cross Cultural Internship Program we have an organization worthy of our highest respect and esteem; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this proclamation be transmitted to the Cross Cultural Internship Program.

Dated:

July 17, 2017

in Witness Whereof, I have Hereunto Set My Hand and Signature

Tony Avella

New York State Senator

11th Senate District

