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Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester Visits Albany



Senate Photography

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of welcoming members of the [Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester](#) to my Albany office. Pictured with me, are Phyllis Connelly and Holly Anderson. Ms. Connelly, Ms. Anderson and the BCCR delegation was in Albany to discuss funding initiatives and legislative measures important to raising awareness for Breast Cancer research and treatment.

While every October Breast Cancer awareness is given the spotlight in communities throughout our State and our Nation, our fight against Breast Cancer must not be limited to one month a year, and visiting with the representatives from BCCR is a stark reminder that this fight must be year-round.

As a public official I have been given the distinct pleasure of working with many breast cancer survivors and the one thing which is stressed over and over again is the importance of early detection. If you are a woman over the age of 40 you should have a physical breast exam performed every year by a physician or another trained health professional. If you are a woman between the ages of 20 and 40 this should be done once every three years. All women

should practice monthly self examinations.

Breast Cancer has taken the lives of so many of our loved ones, and in honor and tribute to them, I encourage all women to make annual mammograms and monthly self examinations an integral part of their health care regimen.

Like most people, Breast Cancer has touched my family. Until we can find a cure for this terrible disease, early detection offers the best chance of survival. Please make sure that you and your loved ones have regular examinations.

Landmark Anti-Crime Bill Signed Into Law/Senate, Assembly & Governor Cuomo Join Forces to Expand DNA Databank



All-Crimes DNA Law a Powerful Crimefighting Tool To Help Protect New Yorkers

Earlier this month, I joined my Senate colleagues to approve legislation that will implement the largest expansion of the State's DNA databank since it was first created in 1994. On Monday, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the DNA Databank Expansion legislation into law.

The databank expansion will help close thousands of unsolved cases, bring justice to crime victims and help prevent dangerous criminals from committing additional crimes.

This is a huge victory for all New Yorkers concerned about protecting our communities and keeping our loved ones safe and free from harm. By dramatically expanding the DNA databank, we are providing police and district attorneys with a powerful tool to help protect our families and local communities from dangerous criminals.

The new law requires anyone convicted of a felony or penal law misdemeanor to provide a DNA sample -- dramatically expanding the information pool used by law enforcement and prosecutors. Click [here](#) to read the full release.

Celebrate Women's History Month with Historic Women of Distinction



Senate Inducts Three Women into Historic Women of Distinction Exhibit

To Celebrate Women's History Month, I encourage you to visit an exhibit honoring women integral to New York State history whose achievements in arts, science, government, military, labor, education and social reform have earned them recognition as "Women of Distinction." This year's inductees are: African-American crusader and nurse Adah Belle Samuels Thomas of New York (1870-1943), War of 1812 heroine Betsy Doyle of the Niagara and Greenbush areas (circa 1750-1819), and documentary photographer and writer Margaret Bourke-White (1904-1971) of the Bronx and Ithaca areas.

The Women of Distinction exhibit features historic women, from suffragists to geneticists, labor organizers to entertainers, whose contributions are still felt today and who each stand as an inspiration to the next generation of inventors, explorers, and achievers. The exhibit will be on display in Albany, through March 30th, at the Legislative Office of Building. You can also view the Historic Women of Distinction exhibit through my [website](#). The online exhibit contains easy-to-read biographies of these great women, as well as listing many online resources to help visitors learn more on New York State history.

While Women's History Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the enormous contributions of great women throughout history, the Historic Women of Distinction exhibit highlights a few of these extraordinary women whose achievements resonate to this very day.

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