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Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

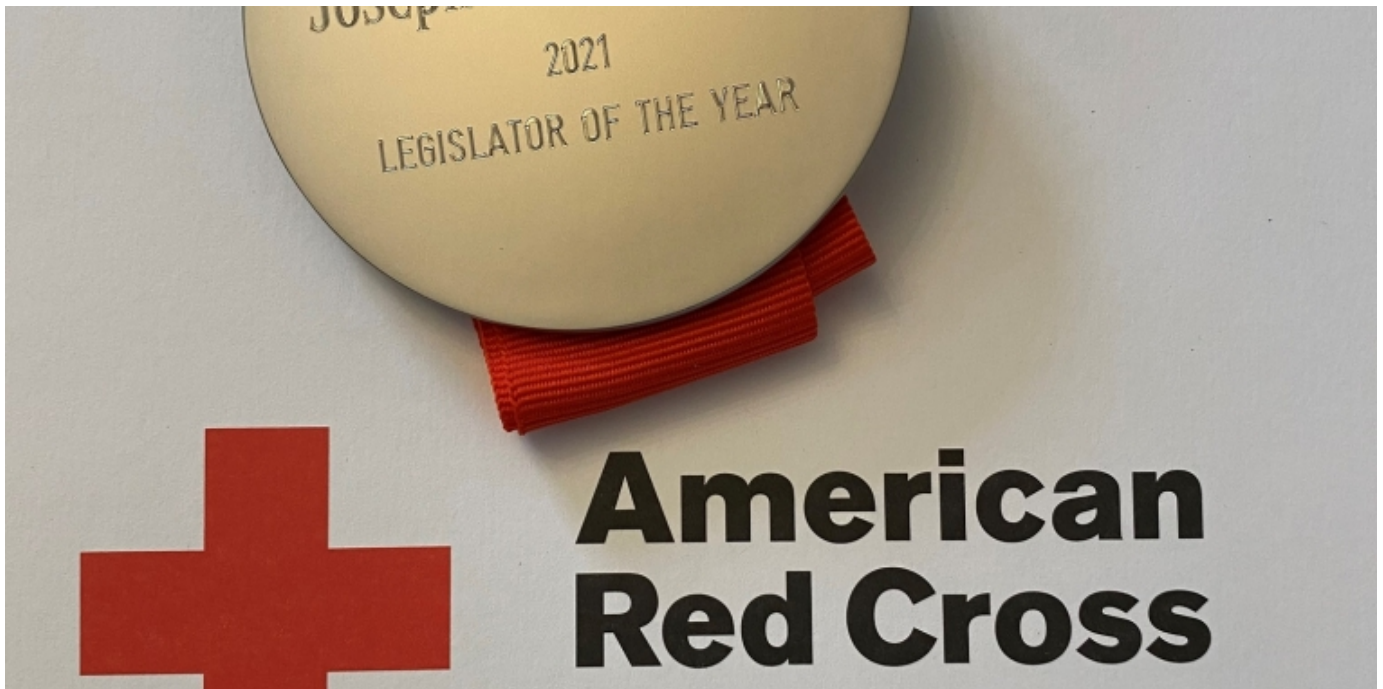
## **Addabbo honored by American Red Cross as one of the 2021 Legislators of the Year**

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On Friday, March 26, the American Red Cross in New York State honored six elected officials — including State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. — as its 2021 State Legislators of the Year.

Joining Addabbo as 2021 State Legislators of the Year are Senator John Brooks, Senator Patrick Gallivan, Senator Sue Serino, Assemblymember Martiza Davila and Assemblymember Donna Lupardo.

According to the American Red Cross, Addabbo was recognized in part for his efforts to aid residents whose lives were deeply affected by Hurricane Sandy in late October 2012. As a member of the Senate Bipartisan Task Force on Hurricane Sandy, Addabbo helped his community recover and rebuild from the devastating storm.

Additionally, Addabbo also distinguished himself from other legislators in New York by partnering with the Red Cross to deliver food and essential supplies as part of a critical mission in Queens during the height of the COVID pandemic. During this initiative, Addabbo worked alongside Red Cross volunteers to personally deliver boxes of fresh food to some of the most vulnerable in our society.

The Red Cross further noted Addabbo's efforts to prepare his constituents for the event of a disaster by co-hosting a series of virtual Citizen Preparedness Corps emergency preparedness presentations, and promoting the Red Cross Home Fire Safety campaign by encouraging them to sign up for free smoke alarm installations.

“It is a true honor to be recognized by the American Red Cross as a 2021 State Legislator of the Year. I am blessed to be able to partner with this great organization on their Sound the Alarm campaign to bring fire safety and fire alarms to my constituents, as well as helping to deliver boxes of food to the community,” Addabbo said. “Helping people remain safe — especially during an emergency situation — is one of the cornerstones of my job as an elected official. I greatly appreciate the efforts Red Cross have undertaken in my district throughout the years. I look forward to continuing the great work that we do together.”