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Dear Friend:

June has arrived and so has my Weekly Wrap delivered right to your inbox! This edition for the week ending June 5, 2020 shares some of my latest activities to help our small businesses and local governments that are ready, willing, and able to re-open! From calling for a safe, sensible, regional re-opening, to personally delivering New York State Hand Sanitizer to small businesses and localities to help them re-open, I'm continuing to work toward restoring our economy so we can successfully move beyond COVID-19. As the Capital Region was cleared for re-opening under Phase II, you'll find an update below outlining more details – with some welcome news about the return of outdoor dining.

This Weekly Wrap also provides an overview of my thanks for law enforcement who continue protecting and serving our communities, as well as protecting the rights of individuals to peacefully protest. Also included are recognitions for the month of June to recognize the seriousness of PTSD and promote our award-winning dairy industry and hard-working dairy farmers. And, of course, my Weekly Wrap wraps-up with a special salute hailing even more Hometown Heroes for my 43rd Senate District.

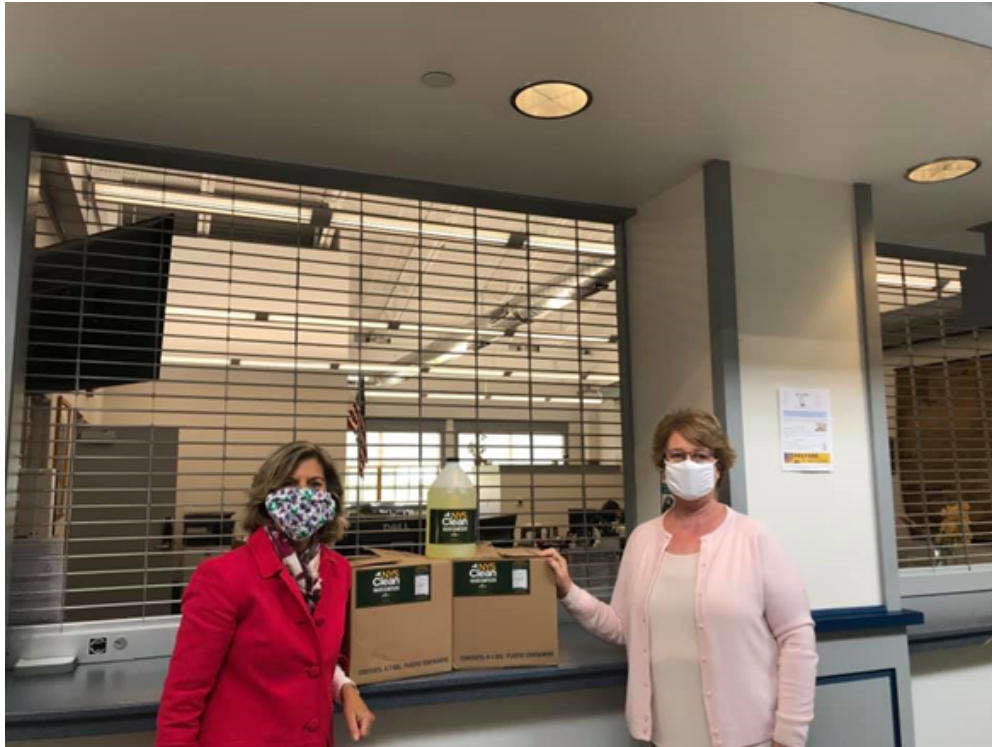
Have a great weekend everyone! – **Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District**

Outdoor dining reopened for Capital Region under Phase II

On Wednesday, the Governor announced that outdoor dining at restaurants will be permitted in Phase II of a regional reopening. Restaurants in the seven regions that have already entered phase two – including our Capital Region, Central New York, Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, North Country, Southern Tier and Western New York – could reopen for outdoor dining beginning this week. Outdoor tables must be spaced six feet apart, all staff must wear face coverings and customers must also wear face coverings when not seated. The administration also announced that Erie County is now eligible to resume elective surgeries and ambulatory

care. The Governor previously announced that the state will allow elective outpatient treatments to resume in counties and hospitals without significant risk of COVID-19 surge in the near term, and a total of 52 counties can now resume elective surgeries (4 counties do not have hospitals). The administration's online metrics dashboard – which offers more details regarding the Capital Region's ongoing reopening and continued progress – is available at the following site: <https://forward.ny.gov/regional-unpause-dashboard>.

Delivering New York State Hand Sanitizer to small businesses and local governments









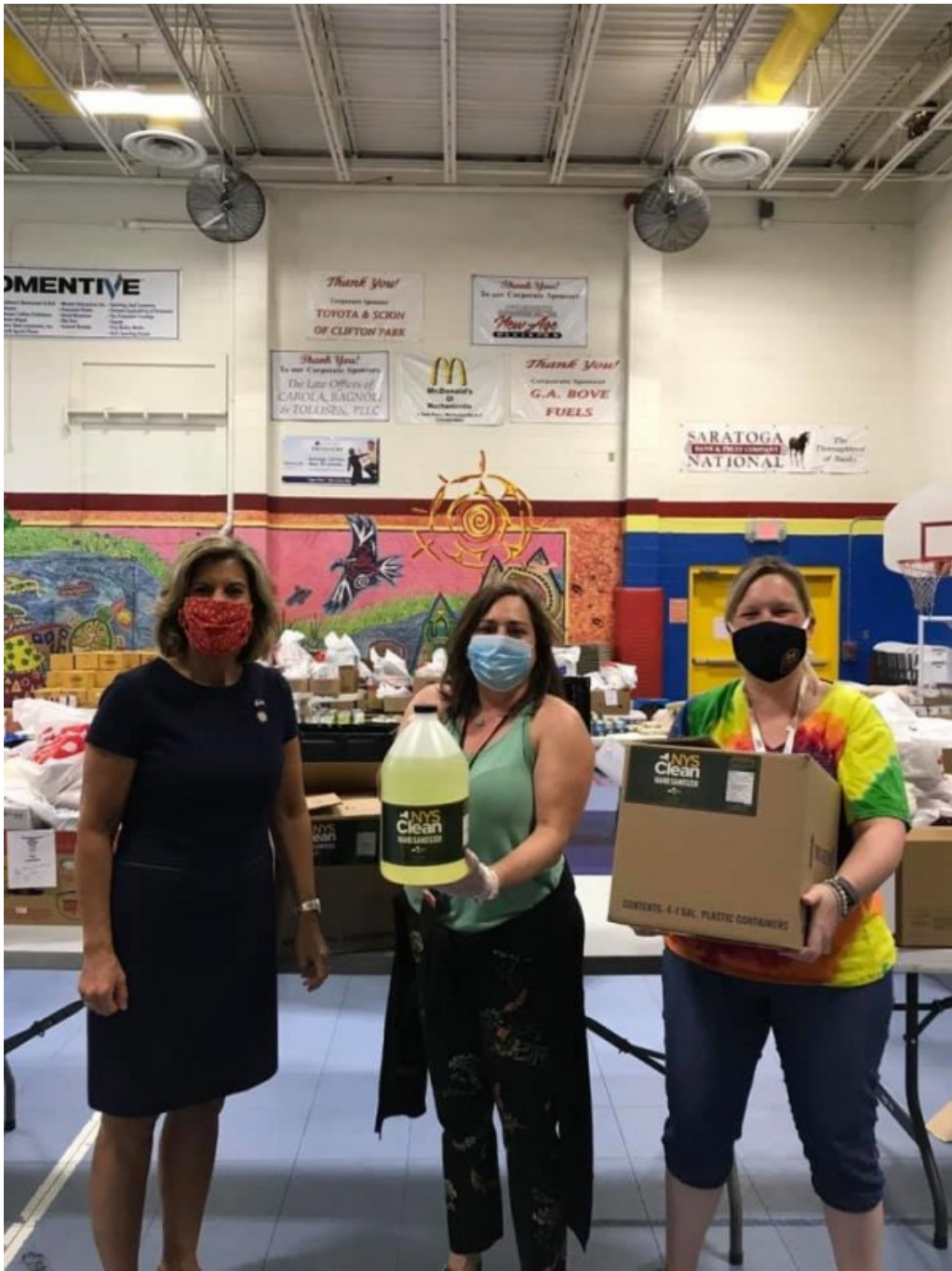














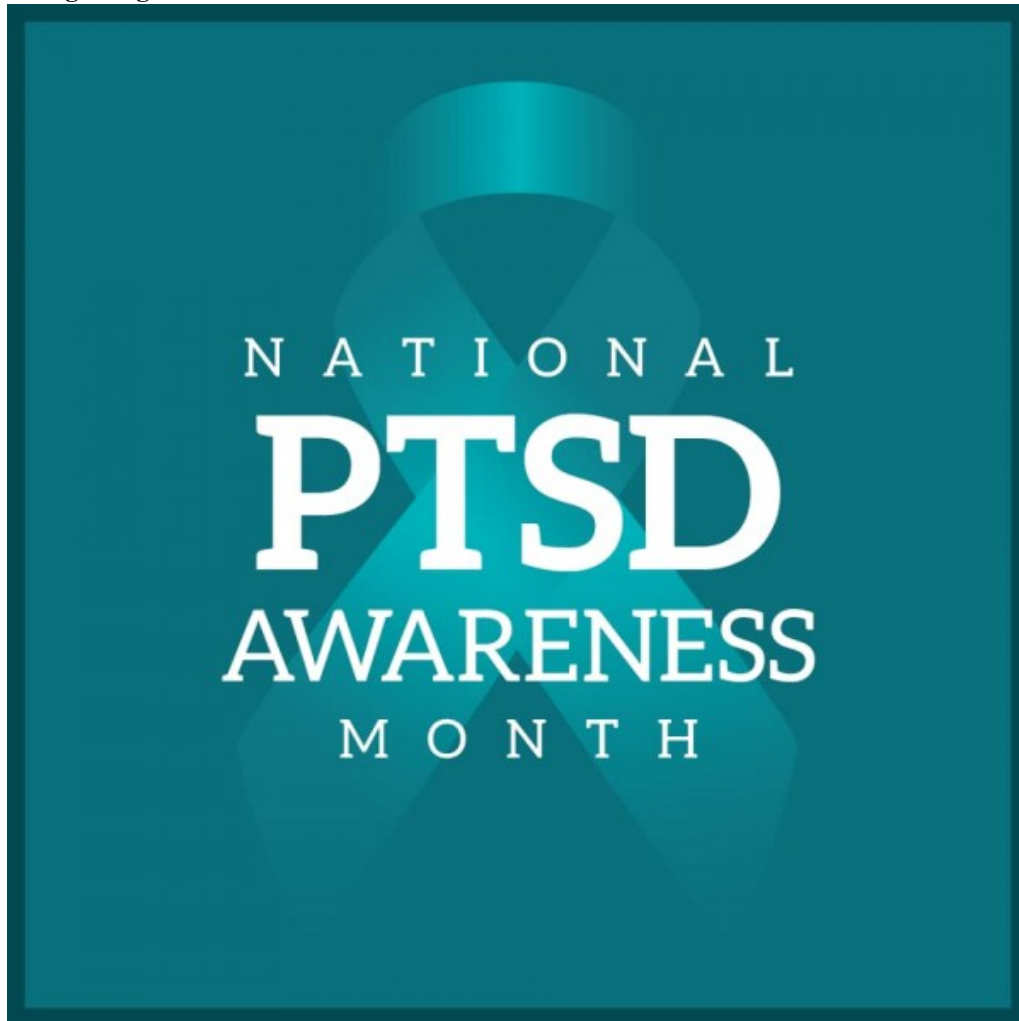




This week I made over a dozen special deliveries of NYS Hand Sanitizer to small businesses and local governments across my 43rd Senate District! I'm shown above making deliveries to, and pictured with, Halfmoon Town Hall with Halfmoon Town Clerk Lynda Bryan; Michelle Petoskey from Petuske's Produce; Duncan's Dairy Bar in Troy; Brunswick Town Hall; Duncan's Nursery and Vegetable Farm Market in Brunswick; Christian's Garage in Troy; Engel's Acres; Schodack Town Hall; Kristy's Barn in Castleton-on-Hudson; Park Avenue Confectionary in Mechanicville; Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, Inc. (MACSC) with MACSC Executive Director Megan Quillinan and Director of Operations Holly LaTorre; Broad Street Bagel Co. in Kinderhook with owners Meghan and Paul Calcagno; with Gary Flaherty, Veteran Service's Director for Columbia County, City of Hudson Mayor Kamal Johnson.

These hand sanitizer special deliveries are part of my ongoing efforts to help ensure that small businesses, localities, and community organizations have the necessary resources required to re-open safely and successfully. Be sure and patronize these terrific local establishments that need our support and are so important to our communities and economy!

Recognizing PTSD Awareness Month



June is PTSD Awareness Month, and we must remain vigilant and compassionate in our understanding and treatment of it. If you or someone you care about is struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder, know that you are not alone, and that help is available. There are a host of support services and hotlines available if you or a loved one is looking for support. Visit <https://www.mentalhelp.net/ptsd/hotline/> for more information.

Recognizing and thanking local law enforcement



I'm incredibly proud of the professionalism and community-focus of the Saratoga Springs Police Department. Department officers are pictured here during a recent moment of silence with protestors in memory of George Floyd. What happened to George Floyd was a tragedy and the officer who murdered him will, and must, face justice. The right to peaceful protest and freedom of speech is a bedrock principle of the United States. I also want to recognize the professionalism and courage of the men and women of law enforcement who've been risking their lives to protect citizens, communities, and protect the rights of protestors. I stand strong with the courageous police officers in our region and across our state who are protecting and serving under some of the most dangerous and difficult conditions imaginable. God bless them for all they do to keep us safe.

Advocating for our students, schools, and school districts



On Wednesday, I took part in a virtual legislative panel discussion on the critical subject of the future of education in New York State considering the COVID-19 outbreak. The panel was hosted by BOCES Questar III and joining me were Congressman Paul Tonko, State Senator Shelley Mayer, Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, Assemblymember John McDonald, Assemblyman Chris Tague, and a representative from Congressman Antonio Delgado's office. We had a thoughtful conversation about the importance of protecting schools from mid-year cuts from the Governor, the need for Albany to provide re-opening guidance for the fall, and the necessity of state government communicating with our schools, school districts, teachers and parents. As I said during our panel discussion, I'll continue working to be a voice for our students, school districts, and taxpayers!

Celebrating National Dairy Month

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June is “National Dairy Month” and, right now, our dairy farmers could use our support and gratitude. Throughout the entire coronavirus outbreak, our dairy farmers have worked tirelessly to continue providing communities across this state and nation with the healthy, essential products we all rely on. Like many New Yorkers, their way of life has been severely disrupted by COVID-19, and as we work to get New York back on track and re-opened, we need to ensure that our dairy farms succeed for generations to come.

Census 2020: Be counted



Senator Jordan Reminds You To Participate in the 2020 Census

All About the 2020 U.S. Census

Stand up, Be Counted

What is the census?
The census is a nationwide survey taken every 10 years. The last census was conducted in 2010, which means that the next one will take place this year.

Why is the census important?
Census data is used to determine how many seats our State gets in the U.S. Congress and how \$675 billion in federal funds is allocated among the states, including funding for our schools, hospitals, senior centers, public transportation, roads and bridges.

How do I participate in the census?
Starting in March, 95% of households received an invitation in the mail, while about 5% will have their invitation dropped off by a census worker or be interviewed in person. Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. To learn more about the census, visit: 2020census.gov/en/what-is-2020-census.html.

How can I apply for a job as a census worker?
To apply for a census job, visit: 2020census.gov/en/jobs.html.

If you need assistance filling out the census, please contact my office at (518) 371-2751.



I'm continuing my efforts to encourage everyone in my 43rd Senate District to be counted by taking part in the 2020 Census. The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. Responding to the 2020 Census is easy, safe, and important, and is key to shaping the future of communities. Census statistics help determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs legislative district boundaries. The Census also impacts how state, local and federal lawmakers allocate hundreds of billions of dollars in public funds to communities for public services and infrastructure like hospitals, emergency services, schools, and bridges each year over the next 10 years. Taking part in the Census takes less than 5 minutes! You can respond to the 2020 Census online using a desktop computer, laptop, smartphone, or tablet. It's never been easier to respond on your own – all without having to meet a census taker. Don't miss this opportunity to be counted by taking part in the 2020 Census. You can find more details about the Census at www.2020census.gov.

Recognizing more Hometown Heroes from my 43rd Senate District

Thank you! **Hometown** **HEROES** 43RD NYS SENATE DISTRICT

Proud to again recognize some terrific #HometownHeroes from my 43rd Senate District for all they're doing to help the community.



I'm thrilled to continue recognizing Hometown Heroes from my 43rd Senate District who are making our community and state a safer, better, stronger place as we work together to keep moving forward from the COVID-19 outbreak. This week, I'm proud to recognize and honor Rensselaer County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Nikles; Nortrax of Halfmoon; Alyssa Diaz of Altered State in Saratoga Springs; Ian Klepetar of Gansevoort, and State Farm Agent Jennifer Forand of Valatie. Hat tip to all these fantastic Hometown Heroes whose generosity, kindness, ingenuity, and compassion makes our region a truly special place!

Rensselaer County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Nikles

Rensselaer County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Nikles is heavily involved in the Averill Park food distribution program that issues nutritious meals at the school to those in need every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with each allotment covering breakfast and lunch for two days. Rensselaer County Sheriff's Deputy Nikles, who serves as a School Resource Officer at Averill Park High School, has been a major part of the school's food distribution program since its first day of closure, serving food to all Averill Park students in need.

Nortrax, Halfmoon

Specializing in new and used equipment sales, equipment rental, and product support, nobody goes further, digs deeper, or tries harder to keep customers productive and profitable, every day than Nortrax of Halfmoon. Nortrax recently made a generous donation of hand

sanitizer to six surrounding fire departments that protect and serve our community in the Towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon to help safeguard our heroic first responders.

Alyssa Diaz, Altered State, Saratoga Springs

A professional seamstress specializing in formal and wedding gown alterations, and the owner of Altered State alterations in Saratoga Springs, Alyssa Diaz is volunteering her time and talents making reusable cloth masks to address the shortage in protective gear for healthcare workers during the COVID-19 outbreak. As of May 22, she's donated a total of 335 masks, 123 surgical caps, and 7 isolation gowns. All reusable masks, surgical caps, and gowns are currently being donated locally to Saratoga Hospital, where they can be used in a variety of ways to reduce the demand on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies that are needed for direct patient care.

Ian Klepetar, Gansevoort

Ian Klepetar, of Gansevoort is a local children's author and started his new mission "Puzzles to the People" when the COVID-19 outbreak started. He knew adults and kids forced to stay at home were likely hungry for entertainment and remembered a bunch of old puzzles sitting in his parent's house. Each week, Ian rides his bicycle with a small trailer attached through local neighborhoods dropping off puzzles on front steps, picking up others, and delivering them to a new, grateful home. He's not afraid to take the long way either, biking from his home in Saratoga to places such as Scotia and Lake Luzerne.

Jennifer Forand, Valatie

131 signs sit outside Ichabod Crane High School, each one featuring a student missing out on their senior year. Local State Farm Agent Jennifer Forand came up with a great idea to recognize the graduates while browsing on Facebook. "I saw that another school in another state I think did it and it was one of those things I saved immediately thinking, wow that's a really good idea! I didn't know what to do with it at first though," said Forand. Jennifer reached out to a client that also happened to be an Ichabod Crane graduate. "I contacted one of my local customers actually, a small business in Chatham – Chatham Printing – to see if this was something we could even do. It was a twofold too, because it helped the school do something great for the students and it also helped a small business as well that's in the area." She says she'd already decided to pay for the entire operation out of pocket when she contacted the school principal. Senior Class Advisor Maureen Van Tassel says when Forand reached out, she was floored and thrilled at the random act of kindness

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