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KATHY HOCHUL
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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to Brooklyn Rising and all of the organization's supporters who are committed to its ongoing mission to end violence against women and girls worldwide through activism and artistic expression.

Each year, Brooklyn Rising joins with the one billion people across the globe to bring attention to the violence committed against women and girls. Together, in a spirit of compassion and concern, you express support for the many around the world who are survivors of violence.

In solidarity with One Billion Rising, OBR Youth Revolution, and the V-Day Global Activist Movement, Brooklyn Rising highlights the creativity that lies within young women of all backgrounds from Brooklyn who share their time, talents, and inherent gifts. Celebrated in approximately 200 countries worldwide, this day conveys an important universal message in an effort to "Break the Chain" of physical, mental, emotional, and economic abuse. It is an issue that transcends race, religion, and nationality, and its harmful effects reach families of all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Through this united effort, you stand up to show there is strength in numbers, and it is inspiring that you add your voices and extend your hands in support of others. I am honored to be the chosen recipient of your "V-Day Woman of the Year 2022 Award" and want to assure the young people of Brooklyn Rising that I am committed to ending all forms of violence and to strengthening laws and policies here in New York State and beyond.

I appreciate your advocacy of such an important cause, and your focus on the spiritual, intellectual, physical, and emotional well-being of young women.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Hochul".

Kathy Hochul
Governor