



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Hugh T. Farley

## Senator Farley Announces March 8th Is Blue Friday in NYS

HUGH T. FARLEY March 7, 2013

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State Senator Hugh T. Farley (R, C, I - Schenectady) was proud to sponsor his annual resolution on March 7th recognizing "Blue Friday" in New York State.

"In 2005, I worked with radio station WGNA in creating this official State day to salute fallen law enforcement officers, and to support the families of fallen officers," Senator Farley said.

This year, the annual event will be held on Friday, March 8th. On this date, the State will salute both the officers who make sacrifices every day to keep us safe and those who lost

their lives in the line of duty, Senator Farley said. Spearheading the event with WGNA are Hannaford Supermarkets and Blue Friday New York, a nonprofit organization that helps rebuild the lives of survivors of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty by serving as a clearinghouse for federal and state benefits, information, and resources that may be available to surviving families.

"It is so tragic that between 140 and 160 officers are killed nationwide in the line of duty every year," Senator Farley said. "It is not only a loss to their families but to the communities that they served."

Items such as blue carnations and T-shirts will be on sale on March 8th from 6 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., at the following locations: Hannaford parking lot at Wolf Road and Sand Creek Road; Uno Chicago Grill located off the Northway at Exit 15; and Holiday Inn Express at 300 Broadway, Albany. All proceeds will go directly to Blue Friday New York.

Joining the Senator today at New York State Senate Chambers to watch the resolution pass were Pat Fox, President of Blue Friday New York; Jake Thomas, Program Director at WGNA; Sean McMaster, Morning Co-host at WGNA; Lou Somma, Vice President of Blue Friday New York; and Tom McGraw, Director of Blue Friday New York.