



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

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### **LT. GOVERNOR HOCHUL RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY FOR LEADERSHIP ON ADVANCING HEALTHY LIVES**

*Is the recipient of the 2018 Public Leadership in Advancing Healthy Lives Award*

(Washington D.C.) New York Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul today received the 2018 Public Leadership in Advancing Healthy Lives Award. Hochul is the fourth recipient of the annual award presented in partnership by the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) and Takeda Pharmaceuticals USA.

The Public Leadership in Advancing Healthy Lives award is given to a NLGA member committed to working within a state and across communities as a steward of the public health.

Presenting the award, Andrew Kaplan, Vice President of Government and Public Affairs for Takeda Pharmaceuticals USA said: "Lt. Governor Hochul is a champion for individuals and families who are struggling to reach, maintain, and advance healthy lives, physically and mentally. Lt. Governor Hochul is a leader of New York's efforts to combat heroin and opioid abuse and addiction. In addition, she is a founder and board leader for transitional housing for domestic violence victims."

"The award recognizes her working across her state to develop a comprehensive strategy and 25 recommendations to strike at the heroin/opioid epidemic, including a focus on recovery and support. Likewise, Lt. Governor Hochul founded the Kathleen Mary House with her mother as a safe place for women victimized by domestic abuse as they transition to a healthier life."

In receiving the award, Hochul said, "Having personally experienced the devastating impacts of addiction in my own family, I am proud to lead efforts to assist in the treatment and recovery process. I want to dedicate this award to the individuals and families across New York and the nation whose lives are challenged or shattered by this epidemic. I am honored to help fight to prevent and break these cycles – either of addiction or violence – and to assist the inspirational people working to achieve and advance healthier lives. As Co-Chair of New York State's Heroin and Opioid Task Force, we aggressively sought new approaches through legislation, policy and litigation to combat this crisis."

"NLGA partners in this recognition process to assist in bi-partisan identification of leaders committed to effectively tackling the current and future challenges of our nation," said NLGA Director Julia Hurst. "By recognizing Lt. Governor Hochul, attention is brought to her accomplishments in New York in a way that can bring new ideas to other states."

The award was made during the NLGA Federal-State Relations meeting in Washington D.C.

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