



STATE OF NEW YORK

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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to the statewide community of alpaca farm owners as you celebrate “Alpaca Farm Day” along with the nationwide community of owners and breeders.

New York State's proud agricultural heritage is founded upon a tradition of raising breeds of livestock for various purposes. Over the years, the increasing number of New York State farms dedicated to raising alpacas has become part of a growing industry that contributes to our quality of life – economically and in other ways.

Known for their wonderful coat of soft fiber used to make sweaters, blankets and other products, the alpaca has generated a new textile industry and represents a growing sector of agribusiness in our state. Alpacas are also remarkably docile in nature and uniquely suited for such services as hospital therapy programs. In light of the growing popularity of these animals, the alpaca farm industry is commended for providing educational opportunities for people of all ages and bringing attention to the valuable products and therapeutic qualities these animals offer.

New York appreciates and celebrates farmers who prepare and provide upkeep and suitable husbandry for the alpaca in this state. With a strong commitment to maintaining the family farm, we join with the many breeders, owners and enthusiasts of the alpaca across America to recognize the advantages of this unique livestock.

With warmest regards and best wishes for continued success to all involved with the alpaca farming industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Spitzer', written in a cursive style.

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