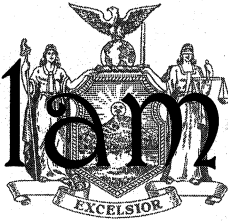


# Proclamation



from

*Senator Suzi Oppenheimer*

## **DECLARING**

### **NATIONAL MASSAGE THERAPY AWARENESS WEEK**

**October 19 – 25, 2008**

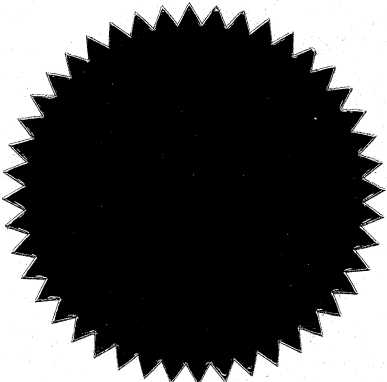
**WHEREAS**, Massage therapists are health professionals who use a variety of scientifically developed massage techniques to enhance well-being, reduce the physical and mental effects of stress and tension, prevent disease, and restore health, and

**WHEREAS**, Massage therapy is one of 47 professions licensed by the New York State Education Department's Office of the Professions, and

**WHEREAS**, There are over 12,747 licensed massage therapists in New York State; the profession is one of the fastest growing statutorily defined professions with the New York State Department of the Professions licensing a total of 5,535 new massage therapists in the last 5 years, and

**WHEREAS**, Massage therapy promotes a healthy and balanced lifestyle and is being recognized for its contributions to overall wellness by the general public and physicians who have increasingly recommended massage therapy as a supplement to traditional health care, and

**RESOLVED**, for the above reasons, I ask all New Yorkers to join me along with the American Massage Therapy Association in declaring the week of October 19 – 25, 2008 as National Massage Therapy Awareness Week.



*Suzi Oppenheimer*

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Senator Suzi Oppenheimer  
New York State Senate  
37th District

*October 19, 2008*

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Date