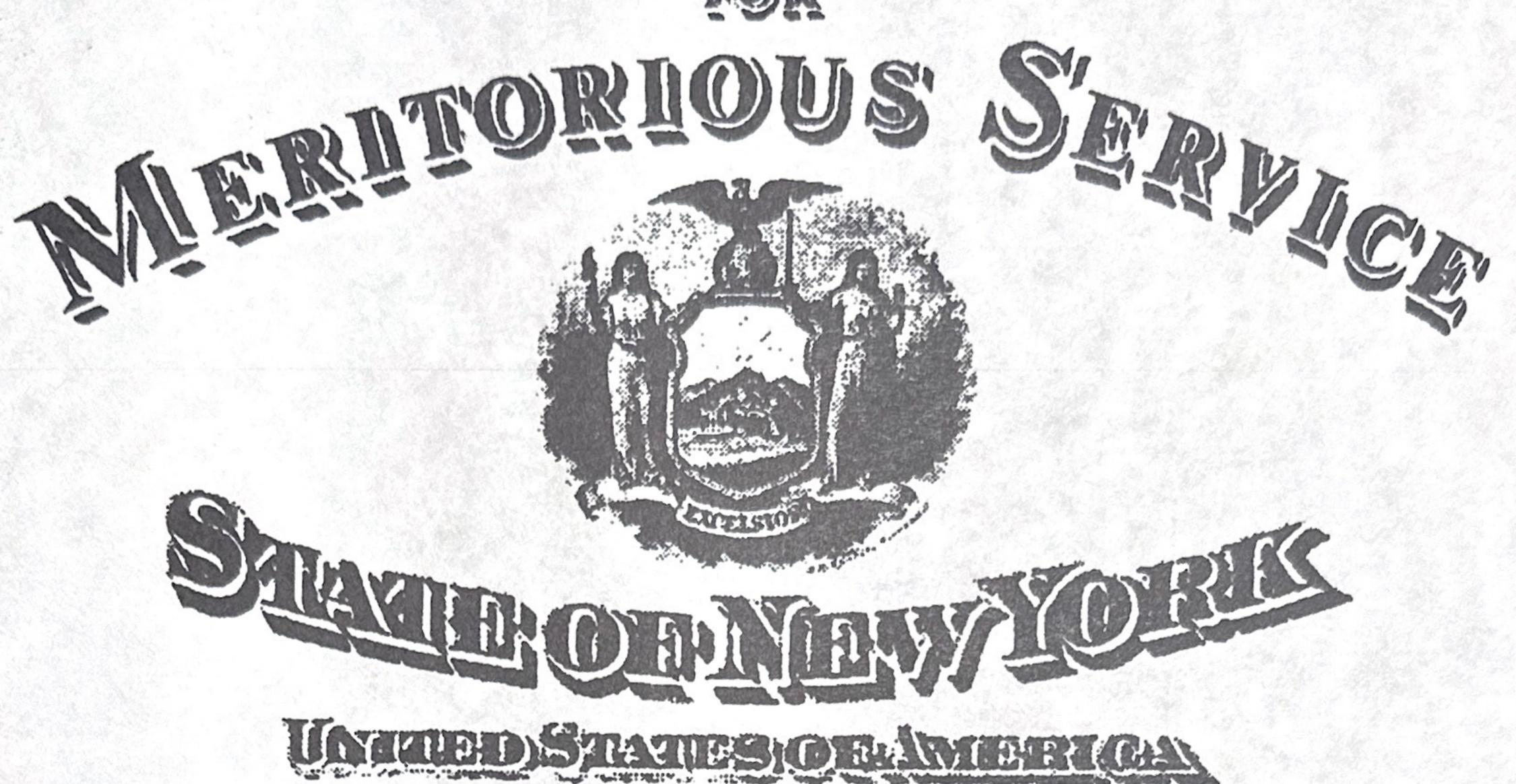
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To all who shall see these presents, Greeting:

The Governor

on behalf of our Representatives in the Legislature of the State has this day conferred upon

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the Medal ordered to be awarded to those who have rendered Meritorious Service to the State.

In Testimony Whereof we have caused our Military and Naval Seal to be hereunto affixed.

Witness KATHY HOCHUL

Governor of our said State, Commander in Chief of our Military and Naval Forces at our City of Albany this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three and in the two hundred and 47<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of the United States.

RAYMOND F. SHIELDS, JR.

Major General, NYARNG
The Adjutant General

## CITATION

For meritorious service during the period of 23 April 2020 to 15 June 2020, the NEW YORK STATE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE is awarded to:

## MAJOR MICHAEL J. DORIA

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MAJOR MICHAEL J. DORIA distinguished himself while assigned as a Behavioral Health Officer to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner missions in Westchester and Orange Counties during Operation COVID-19.

MAJOR DORIA demonstrated exemplary performance of his duties as a Behavioral Health Officer. His team provided behavioral health support and care to over two hundred Service Members on the decedent recovery and swab testing missions in Westchester and Orange Counties during Operation COVID-19. MAJOR DORIA quickly integrated into the teams, establishing trust and rapport with all Service Members as he worked beside them daily on the front lines. He demonstrated leadership by developing interpersonal communication and building rapport with his team members. MAJOR DORIA'S presence on site with the Service Members had a calming effect. His words and actions encouraged them to carry out their missions despite the difficult circumstances. All totaled, MAJOR DORIA provided behavioral health support to over two-hundred Service Members on decedent recovery teams, resulting in the recovery of over 12,000 decedents in the New York City area.

MAJOR DORIA facilitated the collaboration of the joint force and multiple task forces to focus on mental health and well-being for all Service Members, especially those on decedent recovery. MAJOR DORIA taught team members coping skills and improved communication amongst teams and commands. He offered accessible behavioral health care to dozens of Service Members when they needed him most. MAJOR DORIA gave many the hope, courage, and confidence to drive on. Despite the unprecedented challenges, MAJOR DORIA'S efforts resulted in Service Member resilience, team cohesion, high morale, and mission accomplishment.

MAJOR MICHAEL J. DORIA carried out his duties and responsibilities with distinction and professionalism during this challenging period in New York State's history. His superb clinical and communication skills distinguish him as a role model within the New York Guard Medical Officer Corps. His dedication to duty reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the New York Guard.