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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BRABENEC -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the education law, in relation to symbols of hope

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 99-z to read as follows:

3 § 99-z. Symbols of hope. A municipal corporation shall be permitted  
4 to sell or display symbols of hope or any similar image, or tangible  
5 personal property, inscribed with such an image. For purposes of this  
6 section, the term "symbols of hope" shall include, but not be limited  
7 to, a thin blue line in support of law enforcement, a thin red line in  
8 support of the fire service, a thin gray line in support of corrections  
9 officers, a thin white line in support of emergency medical profes-  
10 sionals, a thin purple line in support of security professionals, a thin  
11 yellow line in support of dispatchers, and a thin green line in support  
12 of military, border patrol and conservation officers.

13 § 2. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section  
14 209-ggg to read as follows:

15 § 209-ggg. Symbols of hope. A fire district, volunteer fire company,  
16 or police department shall be permitted to sell or display any symbols  
17 of hope or any similar image, or tangible personal property, inscribed  
18 with such an image. For purposes of this section, the term "symbols of  
19 hope" shall include, but not be limited to, a thin blue line in support  
20 of law enforcement, a thin red line in support of the fire service, a  
21 thin gray line in support of corrections officers, a thin white line in  
22 support of emergency medical professionals, a thin purple line in  
23 support of security professionals, a thin yellow line in support of  
24 dispatchers, and a thin green line in support of military, border patrol  
25 and conservation officers.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 § 3. The education law is amended by adding a new section 1527-b to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 1527-b. Symbols of hope. A school district shall be permitted to  
4 sell or display any symbols of hope or any similar image, or tangible  
5 personal property, inscribed with such an image. For purposes of this  
6 section, the term "symbols of hope" shall include, but not be limited  
7 to, a thin blue line in support of law enforcement, a thin red line in  
8 support of the fire service, a thin gray line in support of corrections  
9 officers, a thin white line in support of emergency medical profes-  
10 sionals, a thin purple line in support of security professionals, a thin  
11 yellow line in support of dispatchers, and a thin green line in support  
12 of military, border patrol and conservation officers.

13 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.