STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. WEIK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.