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GOSR MARKS SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE IRENE

New York, NY (August 28, 2017) - “Today marks the sixth anniversary of Hurricane Irene, and as Hurricane Harvey continues its destructive path in Texas, we are painfully reminded of how powerfully devastating these storms are and the hurt they leave in their wake. We know that their recovery – as ours has been – will be an ongoing, thoughtful and painstaking process. In New York, as we continue our efforts to make our communities stronger and more resilient, the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery has dedicated \$625 million to projects that include rebuilding critical facilities, upgrading drainage and creating natural buffer areas, with the goal of keeping people and their businesses out of harm’s way. As we maintain our hopeful progress on this anniversary, our hearts and thoughts are with those in the path of Hurricane Harvey, their families and communities.”

- *Lisa Bova-Hiatt, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery*