RICHARD A. BALL, Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets of the State of New York ORDERS as follows:

WHEREAS, Not-For-Profit Corporations Law section 1409(f) requires every agricultural or horticultural corporation and the New York State Agricultural Society to hold annual fairs and exhibitions and Agriculture and Markets Law section 31-b requires the Department of Agriculture and Markets to hold an annual state fair; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets of the State of New York, after consulting with the Dean of the College of Life Sciences of Cornell University, prohibited, by Notice of Order dated May 19, 2015, the display and showing of poultry at poultry competitions at such fairs and exhibitions in order to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza which, on or about such date, had been prevalent in poultry held or found in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak of 2014 – 2105 was successfully contained by June 17, 2015 and a subsequent focal outbreak of H7N8 in the State of Indiana was contained in a matter of days in January, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, I hereby find that it is no longer necessary, to prevent the spread of avian influenza, that poultry not be displayed and shown in poultry competitions at fairs and exhibitions and, therefore
PURSUANT TO Agriculture and Markets Law sections 16(1) and (2), 31-b, 72(1) and (2), and 287, after having consulted with the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, I REPEAL the Order for the Conduct of Fairs and Exhibitions, dated May 19, 2015, that prohibited the display and showing of poultry at poultry competitions at fairs and exhibitions.

RICHARD A. BALL
Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets of the State of New York

Dated: 3/16/16