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**CHAMPION FIGURE SKATER JOHNNY WEIR TO MAKE SPECIAL APPEARANCE AT
EMPIRE STATE PLAZA ICE RINK DECEMBER 20, PRESENTED BY HANNAFORD
SUPERMARKETS**

RoAnn M. Destito, New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner, today announced that three-time U.S. champion figure skater Johnny Weir will make a special appearance at the Empire State Plaza ice rink from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 20, presented by Hannaford Supermarkets.

Johnny Weir — a three-time U.S. champion, two-time Olympian, and World medalist — is one of the superstars of figure skating and a pop-culture icon. Fans all over the globe love his elegant yet edgy style both on and off the ice. Brilliantly talented, always entertaining, and embraced by a following that spans the globe, Weir continues to win the hearts of new fans with every appearance.

Weir's appearance will take place at the start of the traditional holiday school break. Children and families skate free daily and enjoy free skate rentals on Fridays, courtesy of Hannaford Supermarkets.

Schedule for the free event presented by Hannaford Supermarkets:

- **11-11:15 a.m.** – Skating demonstration by Johnny Weir
- **11:15 a.m. - noon** – Public skating with Johnny Weir
- **Noon-1 p.m.** – Meet, get an autograph, and have your picture taken with Johnny Weir

General Rink Information

- **Hours:** Every day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., weather dependent.
- **Cost to Skate:** Free

- **Skate Rental:** \$3 for children younger than 12 and \$4 for everyone 12 and up. Skate rentals will be available whenever the rink is open. A photo ID is required to rent skates. Every Friday is free skate rental Friday courtesy of Hannaford Supermarkets. For skate rental information, call (518) 473-6299. For all other ice rink related inquiries call (518) 473-1527.
- **Amenities:** Full-service snack bar open Friday nights, weekends, and school holidays; skate lounge with lockers for personal items located on the Plaza level; and music.

For additional information about Winter at the Plaza events, including directions, parking, and ground rules, visit www.ogs.ny.gov. For updates on any Winter at the Plaza events, find the Empire State Plaza on Facebook at Empire State Plaza Events, on Twitter @plazaevents or call the OGS Convention & Cultural Events Office at (518) 474-0549.

Winter at the Plaza sponsors include I Love NY, Hannaford Supermarkets, BlueShield of Northeastern New York, 99.5 The River, and Holiday Inn Express – Downtown.

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