

PROTECTING CHILDREN ONLINE

- **May 2007:** Cuomo works with law enforcement authorities to investigate sex offenders who had been found on MySpace, a popular social networking site.
- **October 2007:** Cuomo and the popular online community Facebook announce a new model to enforce safeguards aimed at protecting its network members, especially children and adolescents, from sexual predators, obscene content, and harassment.
- **January 2008:** Cuomo sponsors the Electronic Security and Targeting of Online Predators Act (e-STOP), to dramatically enhance protections for New Yorkers, especially children, from sexual predators on the Internet. The legislation restricts certain sex offenders' use of the Internet and updates Megan's Law for the Internet age.
- **May 2008:** e-STOP, which was passed unanimously by the New York State Assembly and Senate, is signed into law by Governor Paterson.
- **June 2008:** Cuomo announces landmark agreements with Verizon, Time Warner Cable, and Sprint to shut down major sources of online child pornography. For the first time, three of the world's largest Internet Service Providers agree to block access to child porn from two significant sources. The companies will eliminate access to child porn Newsgroups, a major supplier of these illegal images, and will also purge their servers of child porn websites.