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George Clinton

1st Governor
1777-1795 and 1801-1804

The "Father of New York State," George Clinton (1739–1812) served as governor for 21 years, longer than any chief executive in the state's history. Clinton was an ardent patriot who signed the Declaration of Independence and defended New York as a Brigadier General during the Revolutionary War. In 1804, Governor Clinton became the first elected vice president of the United States and served under Presidents Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

Portrait: Ezra Ames, Oil on canvas, 90 x 34, 1802.

Artist—Ezra Ames (1768–1836) settled in Albany in 1793 and became the leading portraitist in the region. Throughout his life he completed nearly 400 portraits, mostly of New York State legislators. His Clinton portrait is in the grand style of European painting featuring interior and exterior views, Greco-Roman columns, and rich drapery.

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Timeline of New York Governors
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1750

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