# Trump endorses Republican candidate Lee Zeldin in New York State governor's race

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GOP gubernatorial candidate Lee Zeldin speaks before a large crowd during a rally in Greenridge on Monday night (Scott Axelrod for the Staten Island Advance)

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Former President Donald Trump endorsed New York State Republican gubernatorial candidate Lee Zeldin on Sunday.

With just over three weeks to go before the election between the Long Island congressman, Zeldin, and Democratic incumbent Gov. Kathy Hochul, Trump lauded him in a post shared to his Truth Social platform.

"I have watched and known Congressman Lee Zeldin for many years. He is a great and brilliant lawyer who was a 'must see' for others in Congress when they had a complex legal problem that was holding up legislation," Trump wrote.

"Lee was strong on the Border, Crime, our great Military & Vets (like few others!), and fought hard to protect our 2nd Amendment, and succeeded," he continued. "Lee Zeldin is a WINNER who GOT THINGS DONE. He will be a GREAT Governor of New York, and has my Complete & Total

Endorsement. GOOD LUCK LEE!”

Back in August, Zeldin held a rally at the Elks Lodge in Greenridge that drew more than 200 supporters, including many of the Island’s elected Republicans.

Election day will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Early voting began on Oct. 14.