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## **DAVID A. PATERSON**

55th Governor of New York  
and Author of "Black, Blind,  
and In Charge"



### **BIOGRAPHY**

David Alexander Paterson became the 55th Governor of the State of New York on March 17, 2008. David is the first and only blind governor—other than a man who held the title for eleven days in 1975—and the fourth person of African descent to hold the office of governor in American history. Former Governor Paterson is a highly sought-after speaker, frequently appearing as a guest commentator on nationally broadcast news-related programs. His appearance on SNL's Weekend Update is one of the most watched episodes and includes his infamous quote, "You all poked so much fun at me for being blind, that I forgot I was black."

David has had to overcome many obstacles over the years, but he is proof that you can have a disability and still be the best candidate for the job! He reduced New York's fiscal deficit by nearly \$40 billion, thereby delivering a balanced budget against all odds, and has fought vehemently to protect the rights of the disabled, LGBTQ+ communities, and relentlessly fights against hate crimes and all racial inequality.

No Matter which political party you vote for, David is sure to keep the crowd wowed! He's a wonderful public speaker, musical performer, businessman, politician, and author. His Best-Selling book entitled "Black, Blind, and In Charge", held top on the charts for many months. His much-awaited second book "gRACE", will be released later this year.