

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 18, 2013, as Ependymoma Awareness Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, recognizes specific days that bring attention and awareness to important issues that affect the lives of the people living in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim Thursday, April 18, 2013, as Ependymoma Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Ependymoma Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, Childhood Ependymoma is a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in the tissues of the brain and spinal cord; and

WHEREAS, The brain controls vital functions such as memory and learning, the five senses (hearing, sight, smell, taste, and touch), and emotion; the spinal cord is made up of bundles of nerve fibers that connect the brain with nerves in most parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, Frequent headaches, seizures, recurrent nausea and vomiting, and loss of balance or trouble walking are all symptoms that may be caused by childhood ependymoma; and

WHEREAS, Adult and pediatric cancers are often thought of and treated separately; a collaborative group of scientists and health care providers have joined together to improve the diagnosis, treatment and lives of people living with ependymoma; and

WHEREAS, These varied practitioners are dedicated to the highest principles of professionalism and maintain these standards through education and ongoing clinical research, as well as a personal commitment to improve the lives of people living with ependymoma; and

WHEREAS, People of all ages seek information to improve the diagnosis, treatment, and survival of this tumor which impacts their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is vital that those with ependymoma, their families, and health care providers understand the full realm of available treatments and seek competent and professional care; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at both the local and State level to support the patients as well as their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 18, 2013, as Ependymoma Awareness Day in the State of New York, and to encourage all New Yorkers to learn more about the symptoms of ependymoma and support improvements in treatment and quality of life for the patients; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, and the CERN Foundation.