

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 7, 2013, as Senior Citizens Awareness Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 7, 2013, as Senior Citizens Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with May being declared as National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, The more than three million residents of New York State 60 years of age and older bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, These senior citizens have contributed to the State by building and helping preserve the customs, traditions and ideals of the many ethnic groups that make up the mosaic of New York State; and

WHEREAS, The wisdom and experience of senior citizens constantly enrich the lives of the young people of our State through a strong tradition of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Since 1962, the month of May has been declared, by Presidential Proclamation, Older Americans Month in order for communities around the nation to set time aside to celebrate and reflect on the unique role older Americans play in the fabric of our society; and

WHEREAS, The legislative and executive branches of New York State government have as a primary goal the improvement of the quality of life of older New Yorkers and the assurance of their continued dignity; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate the legacy of New York's senior citizens who have experienced tumultuous changes in the 20th Century, including the dawn of the nuclear age, the rise of the computer, and the proliferation of the automobile, television, technology and so many other innovations of the American spirit, and who now represent a vast and willing source of knowledge available to our great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 7, 2013, as Senior Citizens Awareness Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause further to urge the residents of New York State to honor all our senior citizens who are the cornerstone of the strength of our Nation and to whom a debt of gratitude is owed; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.