

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 20, 2013, as 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to support and promote the historic and significant achievements of Fort Drum and the United States Army 10th Mountain Division; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 20, 2013, as 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum is the largest United States Army post in the Northeastern United States, with 19,987 soldiers and 4,614 civilian workers; and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum is the largest employer in Northern New York, with an economic impact on the North Country and the State of New York of \$1.6 billion; and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum traces its roots to 1907, when the post was known as Camp Hughes, after New York Governor Charles Hughes; it was later known as Pine Camp, then in 1951, it was named Camp Drum in honor of Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum, who commanded the First Army during World War II; eventually, in 1974, it was designated as Fort Drum; and

WHEREAS, The 10th Mountain Division, which earned special honor during World War II, fighting in the mountains of Italy in some of the roughest terrain in the country, and which was renowned for its expertise in mountain and winter warfare, was reactivated at Fort Drum in 1985, as a rapid deployment combat light infantry unit, dispatched to trouble spots around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum continues to be home to the United States Army 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), which includes the most deployed combat brigade in the United States Army, with deployments to Operation Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia; Operation Restore Hope and Operation Continue Hope, Somalia; Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti; Operation Joint Forge (Bosnia and Herzegovina); and Operation Joint Guardian, Kosovo; as well as hurricane relief efforts inside the United States; and

WHEREAS, The 10th Mountain Division's three combat brigades at Fort Drum have seen numerous deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, in fighting the nation's ongoing war against terrorism since September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum and the 10th Mountain Division are commanded by Major General Stephen J. Townsend and a dedicated cadre of officers whose commitment to our nation and our troops is exemplary; and

WHEREAS, The 10th Mountain Division, throughout its operational history, has been awarded six campaign streamers, including two in World War II and four in the War on Terrorism, as well as two unit decorations; and

WHEREAS, Recipients of the Nation's highest military honor for valor, the Medal of Honor, include two members of the 10th Mountain Division: Pfc. John D. Magrath for his actions at Castel d'Aiano, Italy, during World War II, and Sfc. Jared Monti who received the honor posthumously in 2009, for his heroism in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, and who is one of just six Medal of Honor recipients since 2001, the start of the global war on terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of New York men and women have passed through Fort Drum as members of our Armed Forces, the Army, National Guard and Reserves, showing service, dedication, sacrifice, and commitment and

living up to the 10th Mountain Division motto "Climb to Glory"; now,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 20, 2013, as 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Day in the State of New York; 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; The Honorable John McHugh, Secretary of the Army; and Major General Stephen J. Townsend, Commanding General of Fort Drum and the 10th Mountain Division.