

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 10-16, 2013, as Museum Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in participating in special days of recognition for its esteemed institutions; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 10-16, 2013, as Museum Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, On this most auspicious occasion, New York State is celebrating the diversity and richness of its museums by inviting residents and visitors alike to discover the fascinating worlds of art, photography, history, science, pop-culture and more; from museum mile along the upper stretch of Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, to the intimate setting of the Hyde Collection upstate in Glens Falls, New Yorkers can enjoy up-close-and-personal encounters with world-class art and other cultural treasures; and

WHEREAS, From June 10-16, 2013, more than 200 museums across the State will be part of the inaugural New York State Museum Week and will be offering special events, activities and promotions to give guests a sample of the exhibitions and programs available at the nearly 2,000 museums located throughout New York; and

WHEREAS, Museum Week 2013 is co-sponsored by the New York State Council on the Arts and Museumwise: Museum Association of New York, which provide grants and shared resources for cultural activities and museums; and

WHEREAS, Special engagements during Museum Week 2013 will include The Hyde Collection's Exhibition Opening of "Modern Nature: Georgia O'Keeffe and Lake George"; June 15 - September 15; and the Empire State Aerosciences Museum will be hosting open cockpit tours of various military aircraft from its collection, offering the rare opportunity to hop into an historic jet fighter and/or helicopter; and

WHEREAS, In addition, during the Museum Mile Festival, El Museo del Barrio will host an opening reception for La Bienal 2013, El Museo's 7th biennial exhibition, featuring work by 37 emerging Latino and Latin American artists; the event will feature live music, performances and art-making activities for the whole family on June 11-12; and

WHEREAS, As part of Museum Week, "Path Through History" will highlight historically and culturally significant sites and events throughout New York State; the program is currently focused on 13 themes including: Arts & Culture, Natural History, U.S. Presidents, Women's Rights, Canals & Transportation, Civil Rights, Colonial History, Immigration, Innovation & Commerce, The Revolutionary War, Native American Heritage, Sports History and the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, New York's diverse array of museums, historic homes, zoos and botanical gardens offer something for everyone and every family; and

WHEREAS, Museum Week will highlight the wide array of educational, cultural and historic attractions that are available throughout the State for New Yorkers and visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS, The participating organizations and institutions, located in every part of New York State, are not only vital cultural resources for our State, they are also important economic engines for their communities; and

WHEREAS, From ancient treasures, to the "I Love Lucy" sound stage, Museum Week offers New Yorkers and travelers from around the world an opportunity to visit what are collectively the most impressive and unique cultural experiences anywhere to be found; and

WHEREAS, Our museums celebrate and preserve our historic and cultural

heritage, as well as enrich our communities and play a vital role in the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in celebrating Museum Week, recognizing the important and unique role our museums play in education, tourism and community development for our cities, towns and villages throughout this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 10-16, 2013, as Museum Week in the State of New York; 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.