

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare November 2013, as Elks Veterans Remembrance Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and praise organizations of true purpose and worthy accomplishment whose dedication and commitment to service, patriotism, and fellowship merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare November 2013, as Elks Veterans Remembrance Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in New York City in 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.) of the United States of America is one of the oldest, largest, and most active fraternal organizations in the country; today it proudly numbers nearly one million men and women, as members in more than 2,000 lodges nationally, who share a commitment to its basic principles; and

WHEREAS, The principles of the Elks are the practice of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity; the promotion of the welfare and the enhancement of the happiness of its members; the quickening of the spirit of American patriotism and the cultivation of good fellowship, and to serve our veterans; and

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has a long history of service to our veterans, instituting the first G.I. Loan program for returning soldiers after World War I, and sponsors programs promoting American patriotism, and scholarship and support programs for our veterans; and

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is extremely proud of the United States, the American flag, and our veterans, and in November, we will observe Veterans Day, and pay just tribute to our brave servicemen and women and their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare November 2013 as Elks Veterans Remembrance Month 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.