

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing October of 2013, as Information Literacy Month

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in participating in months of observation of significant issues; and

WHEREAS, Information literacy provides the tools and skills to find, evaluate, and use credible information from all sources in our constantly evolving world; and

WHEREAS, When taught at an early age and reinforced in educational institutions, information literacy can lead our citizens to a deeper appreciation for respecting the authorship of all information through proper attribution, in order to promote a more cooperative and civil community; and

WHEREAS, The ability to search, find, decipher, and analyze different forms of information is a key component in effective decision-making across various financial, medical, educational, and industrial fields; and

WHEREAS, Information literacy, as taught in schools and libraries, is a crucial part of education and will expose students to analytic and research practices that will better prepare them for changing technologies; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who are comfortable working with the informational resources available in the digital world are able to seek highly skilled jobs and compete at high levels in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, Information literacy encourages individuals to draw conclusions, make informed decisions, and apply knowledge to using new technology concepts; it also supports creative thinking that may develop innovative products and processes using technology; and

WHEREAS, Using information acquired through technology to understand human, cultural, and societal issues promotes an informed and engaged citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Through public awareness, the State of New York seeks to remind citizens, employers, government agencies, and institutions of the importance of information literacy for economic prosperity, social cohesion, educational opportunity, and an enhanced quality of life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize October of 2013 as Information Literacy Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeremy Johannesen, Director of the New York Library Association.