

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 22, 2014, as Lynch Syndrome Hereditary Cancer Awareness Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious illnesses that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; 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 March 22, 2014, as Lynch Syndrome Hereditary Cancer Awareness Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome, a part of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, urinary tract, ovarian, pancreatic, and other types of cancers; and

WHEREAS, Geneticists estimate that approximately 19,000 individuals in New York and over 800,000 persons throughout the United States, alone, have Lynch syndrome, including one in every 440 persons and studies show that only 5 percent of those with a family or personal history of colon cancer have been diagnosed with Lynch syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers and every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and further testing; and

WHEREAS, Having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 22, 2014, as Lynch Syndrome Hereditary Cancer Awareness Day 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.