

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 10, 2014, Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious public health issues 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 April 10, 2014, Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day is a day to educate the public about the impact of HIV and AIDS on young people, as well as to highlight the amazing work young people are doing across the country to fight the HIV & AIDS epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Today's youth are the first generation who have never known a world without HIV and AIDS; in the United States, one in four new HIV infections is among youth ages 13 to 24; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, each month 1,000 young people are infected with HIV and more than 76,400 young people are currently living with HIV across the country; and

WHEREAS, While there has been much talk about an AIDS-Free Generation, this is not possible without the Nation's youth; young people and their allies are determined to end this epidemic, and this day is a way to acknowledge the great progress they have made in doing so; and

WHEREAS, National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day will be celebrated throughout the United States, and is an opportunity to learn about HIV and AIDS, how young people are affected, and to show support for the cause; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious public 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 April 10, 2014, Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day; 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.