

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 2013 as Parent Leadership Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of concerns that affect the lives of citizens of the State of New York; 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 February 2013 as Parent Leadership Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Parent Leadership Month; and

WHEREAS, Meaningful Parent Leadership occurs when parents gain the knowledge and skills necessary to function in leadership roles and present a "parent voice" to help shape the direction of their families, programs and communities; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership is an essential and effective means of strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Partnering with parents and that Parent Leadership is a necessary component in any effective family strengthening and family support program; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership Month recognizes the extraordinary courage and tenacity of parents who have reached out to make improvements in their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership Month also recognizes peer parent support is a critical way to engage and encourage families involved with the child; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership Month commends, honors and celebrates parents for their vital leadership roles in their homes and communities, and in 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 February 2013 as Parent Leadership 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.