

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 14-20, 2013, as Osteopathic Medicine Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Osteopathic Medicine Week

WHEREAS, There are currently more than 100,000 osteopathic physicians (DOs) and osteopathic medical students in the United States; this figure includes a growing number of women and minorities; and

WHEREAS, DOs have made tremendous accomplishments to the American health care system since osteopathic medicine was developed by Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO, in 1874; and

WHEREAS, DOs have treated U.S. presidents and Olympic athletes; contributed to the fight against AIDS and the fight for civil rights; and served on nationwide health care panels; and

WHEREAS, DOs are fully-licensed to prescribe medicine and practice in all specialty areas of medicine, including primary care, specialty care, preventive medicine, diagnoses and the appropriate use of drugs, surgery, manipulation and hospital referral; and

WHEREAS, Close to 10% of all patient visits in the United States are to osteopathic physicians; and

WHEREAS, New York State has approximately 5,000 licensed osteopathic physicians, representing the fifth largest osteopathic physician population in the country; many of these physicians practice in rural and urban medically underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, New York State has two colleges of osteopathic medicine -- The New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, and the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine-New York, in Harlem -- both of which train students who enter primary care specialties in numbers well above the national average; and

WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians deserve acknowledgment for providing high-quality, comprehensive care to New Yorkers across our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 14-20, 2013, as Osteopathic Medicine Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Osteopathic Medicine Week and to pay tribute to the osteopathic physicians of this great Empire State; 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.