

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim November 16, 2014, as CADASIL 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 November 16, 2014, as CADASIL Awareness Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Cerebral autosomal dominant arteriopathy with subcortical infarcts and leukoencephalopathy (CADASIL) is a rare, hereditary disease that is often misdiagnosed and underdiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, The prevalence of CADASIL is about 2 per 100,000, which could be an underestimation due to misdiagnosis; and

WHEREAS, CADASIL is the most common monogenic inherited form of small blood vessel disease; and

WHEREAS, Patients with CADASIL suffer from damage within the small blood vessels, especially those within the brain; and

WHEREAS, CADASIL causes multiple strokes and TIAs (Transient Ischemic Attacks; mini-strokes) in young adults aged 20-50, often without cardiovascular risk factors; and

WHEREAS, CADASIL is a progressively debilitating disease, and symptoms follow a step-wise progression ranging from migraine headaches to strokes and finally dementia; and

WHEREAS, The progress, severity and specific symptoms of CADASIL are variable from person to person and can include seizures, migraines, dizziness, balance problems, visual disturbances, mood disorders, anxiety, depression, apathy, fatigue, cognitive decline and dementia; and

WHEREAS, It may take years to receive a diagnosis of CADASIL since medical professionals are inadequately educated on CADASIL; and

WHEREAS, CADASIL affects women, men and children of all ethnicities around the world; and

WHEREAS, There are no treatments or cure for CADASIL; 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 November 16, 2014, as CADASIL 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.