LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 6, 2016, as Italian American Day in New York State

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize celebrations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities 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 June 6, 2016, as Italian American Day in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Italian American Day is a joyous celebration of culture, civic conviviality and other merriment, held annually throughout the State of New York, in commemoration of the Republic of Italy's National Holiday, "Festa Della Repubblica Italiana," Italy's 4th of July; and

WHEREAS, Festa Della Repubblica Italiana, a national holiday in Italy, marks the day when Italy voted, after World War II and fascism, to become a democratic republic; and

WHEREAS, Italian American Day celebrates 43 years of the heritage of Italy's glorious historical past, the wealth of its present, and the opportunities of its future; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious day provides an opportunity to celebrate the significant contributions of Italian Americans so that all people may know and appreciate Italian history and traditions, and of the role Italian Americans have played, and will continue to play, in our society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 6, 2016, as Italian American Day in New York 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.