

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the celebration of Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2015, in honor and recognition of all mothers throughout the State of New York

WHEREAS, Mother's Day is a day selected to celebrate "Mom"; it is the one day out of the year to praise and pay tribute to mothers, and all other women who have taken on that role and acted as a mother figure in their children's lives, including those being raised in a single parent home, whether it be an aunt, stepmother, grandmother, friend or Big Sister; and

WHEREAS, These amazing women show great strength and selflessness, as well as spend countless hours offering their love, support and guidance to the children in their lives, acting as role models and inspiring them to develop to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Led by their example, children learn principles of hard work, compassion, personal responsibility, and service; a mother's encouragement and her unconditional love and support builds a foundation for the necessary confidence and values that are crucial to our children's success; and

WHEREAS, The modern American holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother in Grafton, West Virginia; her campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her beloved mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died; and

WHEREAS, Anna Jarvis' mission was to honor her own mother by continuing work she started and to set aside a day to honor mothers, "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world"; and

WHEREAS, Anna's mother, Ann Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the Civil War and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues; and

WHEREAS, Due to the campaign efforts of Anna Jarvis, several states officially recognized Mother's Day, the first in 1910 being West Virginia; four years later, Woodrow Wilson signed the proclamation creating Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers; and

WHEREAS, Mother's Day was adopted by other countries and is now celebrated all over the world; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute and commend these women who sacrifice daily to ensure their children have every opportunity to pursue their dreams, who are worthy of full recognition for their valued contributions, and who should be celebrated by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the celebration of Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2015, in honor and recognition of all mothers throughout the State of New York.