

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 2015, as Disability Pride Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to a group of every day New Yorker's who strive to live normal lives under such pressing circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in keeping with its time-honored traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 2015, as Disability Pride Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month recognizes people with disabilities all throughout our great State; and

WHEREAS, The people of this great State have a long and proud history of paving the path towards increasing equality and protecting the civil rights of all peoples; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities are often ostracized and made to feel out of place for no other reason except consequence of birth or chance; and

WHEREAS, It is time for our society to strive for better awareness and sensitivity to the needs of all communities no matter how big, small or different; and

WHEREAS, July 26, 2015, will commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the passing of the American Disabilities Act (ADA) which codified the civil rights granted to all Americans regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or disability; and

WHEREAS, The ADA has been instrumental in both helping end the discrimination against, and securing the rights of, hundreds of thousands of disabled Americans; and

WHEREAS, The City of New York has designated July 12th as Disability Pride Day and have taken on the great measure of organizing a parade to highlight the great societal importance of this movement; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the State of New York's strong cultural diversity and its ability to support its citizens regardless of the physical or mental issues they may face; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month shall serve as an important milestone for the spread of equality to all of the citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month allows all those with disabilities to take pride in all they have overcome and realize just how rich their lives have come to be; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 2015, as Disability Pride 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.