

Senate Resolution No. 1118

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
March 26, 2017, as Maple Day in the State of New  
York

**WHEREAS,** It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges noteworthy events in America's history which deserve special recognition; and

**WHEREAS,** The agricultural industry is part of the foundation upon which our distinct American heritage is built; and

**WHEREAS,** New York State takes just pride in each and every product it produces or grows; 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 Sunday, March 26, 2017, as Maple Day in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Maple has been recognized as one of the foundations for New York State's agriculture; and

**WHEREAS,** New York State is home to the largest resource of tappable maple trees within the United States, and over 2,000 maple sugarmakers; and

**WHEREAS,** Abundant and sustainable, New York's gourmet maple industry is vibrant and growing on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS,** New York's unique climate and forestry makes it naturally perfect for maple syrup production; and

**WHEREAS,** As the second state in the country for maple syrup production, New York produces over 700,000 gallons of syrup from over 2.5 million taps; and

**WHEREAS,** It takes 40 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of maple syrup; in addition, maple makes many products sold throughout the State and nation including maple fluff, maple coffee, maple cream and maple candy; and

**WHEREAS,** New York maple providers are distributed across New York State and has expanded over the last five years; maple operations reach over 500,000 visitors throughout New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The prime maple season runs from February to March every year; and

**WHEREAS,** Maple producers in the four-county region of Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida and Oswego, will host the 2017 Maple Weekend to be held

March 18-19, 2017, and March 25-26, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** During these two weekends, maple producers from across New York State will welcome families to their farms to experience firsthand how real, mouth-watering maple syrup and other related products are made; and

**WHEREAS,** Visitors will also have the opportunity to enjoy fun, family-friendly activities, taste New York's freshest syrup and purchase maple products; and

**WHEREAS,** Through their diligence and expertise in maple, the producers have brought pride and recognition to themselves, their local community, and to our great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 26, 2017, as Maple 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.