

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 8-14, 2017, as Home Office Safety and Security Week in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York takes great pride in recognizing official weeks established to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of all New Yorkers; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 8-14, 2017, as Home Office Safety and Security Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observation of National Home Office Safety and Security Week; and

**WHEREAS,** Having a home office is the dream of thousands of Americans, and it is a goal that is becoming more and more achievable every day due to technological breakthroughs constantly being discovered; while the excitement of setting up a home office is a happy feeling, many fail to recognize common dangers within their new work environment; and

**WHEREAS,** Home Office Safety and Security Week is a time to focus on these potential hazards and encourage business owners to evaluate, assess and implement proper security and safety measures in their home offices; and

**WHEREAS,** Some of the essential components of a safe home working environment include privacy and data security, physical security, physical safety for adults and children, and proper information storage; and

**WHEREAS,** There are a number of ways to increase home office safety and security: implement a regular cleaning schedule to avoid a number of hazards, avoid risks of fire by installing both smoke detectors and fire extinguishers and prepare an exit strategy in case a fire should occur, and arrange for children to be supervised at all times; and

**WHEREAS,** It is also important to stress that all information pertaining to the business and its clients is stored properly and securely; and

**WHEREAS,** Continued improvement in home office safety and security is the responsibility of all business owners; by recognizing Home Office Safety and Security Week, it is hoped that more New Yorkers will become vigilant in ensuring that their home office is a safe place to work; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 8-14, 2017, as Home Office Safety and Security Week 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.