

Senate Resolution No. 197

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 20-26, 2017, as Healthy Weight Week in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** Beauty, health and strength come in all sizes; this truth is affirmed by Health at Every Size, a health-centered approach which focuses on health and well-being, not on dieting which can be harmful to an individual's self-esteem; and

**WHEREAS,** Many people diet because they view themselves as overweight, and begin to punish and deprive themselves by restricting calories; however, if someone is always hungry or feeling deprived and sees themselves as fat, then the reverse happens and the individual may pack on the pounds; and

**WHEREAS,** Health and Wellness is the feeling of health, happiness or well-being in regard to one's physical health, energy level, mental state, emotions, and ability to regulate one's lifestyle as pertaining to individuals in New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Healthy Weight Week was implemented to let people know that a healthy lifestyle is about wellness and wholeness, eating in normal, healthy ways, and living actively; it is not about dieting, but about acceptance, respect and appreciation of diversity and one's self; and

**WHEREAS,** It is also important that individuals understand what is a healthy weight; uncontrollable elements which affect weight are height, bone density, body type, such as endomorph, mesomorph or ectomorph, and body composition, which is the innate ratio of body muscle to fat; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body regards healthy weight programs in New York State as sustainable and crucial components to public health and education policy; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body affirms the importance of caring, healing, and improving the minds and bodies of individuals throughout this great Empire State, making New York a healthier and happier place to work and reside which leads to safer cities, productive environments and greater opportunity for all New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 20-26, 2017, as Healthy Weight 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.