

BY: Senator HOYLMAN

COMMEMORATING the AIDS Walk New York, an extraordinary event in the fight against AIDS and HIV

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge exceptional events that enrich the lives of the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor AIDS Walk New York, an extraordinary event in the fight against AIDS and HIV; and

WHEREAS, AIDS Walk New York is the largest single-day AIDS fundraising event in the world; and

WHEREAS, In its 31 years, almost 890,000 people have walked in AIDS Walk New York and millions have donated, raising nearly \$150 million to fight HIV and AIDS; and

WHEREAS, The funds raised go towards prevention, care, and advocacy programs to combat this horrible disease; and

WHEREAS, In particular, funds raised benefit the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) which offers critical and often lifesaving services to thousands of people and their families affected by AIDS and HIV; and

WHEREAS, AIDS Walk New York also helps support numerous other organizations in the fight against this terrible disease; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the AIDS Walk New York as it raises awareness and funds to help combat HIV and AIDS; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Gay Men's Health Crisis.