

BY: Senator COMRIE

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
May 20, 2017, as Armed Forces Day in the State of
New York

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 20, 2017, as Armed Forces Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Armed Forces Day; and

WHEREAS, Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May, and Armed Forces Week, which begins every year on the second Saturday of May; and

WHEREAS, Many events across the United States take place on Armed Forces Day to honor Americans in uniform who served their country in times of war and peace; and

WHEREAS, Those who are honored on this day include people who serve the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in May because of their unique training schedules; and

WHEREAS, Events and activities may include: multi-service military displays in areas open for the public; various educational activities that teach children about the Armed Forces; "Support the Troops" themed motorcycle rides; large parades and other local celebrations; and

WHEREAS, Certain types of music are also played at Armed Forces Day events, including at memorials and at cemeteries, as a way to respect those in the Armed Forces who died for their country such as Taps on the bugle; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad,

these men and women demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's veterans deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for their dedication to their communities, their State and their Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 20, 2017, as Armed Forces 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.