

Senate Resolution No. 2969

BY: Senator TEDISCO

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 2017, as a Month of Remembrance in the State of New York for all victims of terrorism

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; 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 September 2017, as a Month of Remembrance in the State of New York for all victims of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, A Month of Remembrance has been set aside for the people of the State of New York to remember the victims of terrorism as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all people; and

WHEREAS, There is no greater evil than willful violence against innocent people; and

WHEREAS, Terrorists struck on September 11, 2001, and thousands of innocent people perished in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania; the dignity of those who were attacked and the courage of those who came to their aid reaffirmed the strength of both our State and Nation, as well as the human spirit; and

WHEREAS, Terrorist attacks are heinous acts against humanity and have claimed thousands of victims worldwide and nationally, including residents of the State of New York who have lost their lives, or experienced the loss of loved ones, through these acts of human violence; and

WHEREAS, Terrorists prey on the innocent and vulnerable, and have nothing to offer except hatred and destruction; no cause justifies their actions, yet they have claimed many victims; and

WHEREAS, Wherever they kidnap or kill, they reveal only their own bankrupt vision, and disrupt or destroy lives; their actions impact not only their victims, but the families, friends, and fellow citizens of those who are targeted; and

WHEREAS, While terrorists can destroy our buildings and our infrastructure, they can not take away our spirit, liberty, freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that New Yorkers have an opportunity to honor the memory of the victims of terrorism and to denounce terrorism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 2017, as a Month of Remembrance in the State of New York for all victims of terrorism; 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.