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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 29-February 2, 2018, as Tax Identity Theft Awareness 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 29-February 2, 2018, as Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observation of National Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, Tax identity theft happens when someone uses your Social Security number to get a tax refund or a job; you might find out it has happened when you get a letter from the IRS saying more than one tax return was filed in your name, when you e-file your tax return and discover that a return already has been filed using your SSN, or IRS records show you have wages from an employer you do not know; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and its partners are hosting a series of free webinars and Twitter chats to raise awareness and better educate the public about how to protect themselves and reduce the chance of being a victim to this fast-growing crime; and

WHEREAS, If a resident of the State of New York discovers they have been a victim of tax identity theft they should immediately contact the IRS, complete an Identity Theft Affidavit form, file their tax return, place a fraud report with one of the three credit bureaus, and monitor their credit report; and

WHEREAS, Tax identity theft can cause a tremendous amount of damage; it can disrupt a person's finances, credit history, and reputation, and take time, money, and patience to resolve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 29-February 2, 2018, as Tax Identity Theft Awareness 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.