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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 2018, as Parent Leadership Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of concerns that affect the lives of citizens of the State of New York; 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 February 2018, as Parent Leadership Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Parent Leadership Month; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership is an essential and effective means of strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Meaningful parent leadership occurs when parents gain the knowledge and skills necessary to function in leadership roles and present a "parent voice" to help shape the direction of their families, programs and communities; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership Month will highlight the many opportunities available for parents, policymakers and other community members to engage in partnerships with the goal of building and supporting strong, safe families; and

WHEREAS, Celebrated in communities around the world, Parent Leadership Month strives to raise public awareness about the important roles parents play in shaping the lives of children, and recognizes the extraordinary courage and tenacity of parents who have reached out to make improvements in their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this vital month of recognition expands opportunities for parent leaders to participate in meaningful Parent Leadership activities at the local, state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this important issue, and more must be done to increase activities designed to strengthen our families at a local, state and national level; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 2018, as Parent Leadership Month 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.

