

**BY:** Senator COMRIE

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 29, 2018, as Make-A-Wish Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Wish Day

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of actions that affect the lives of sick children in 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 April 29, 2018, as Make-A-Wish Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Wish Day; and

**WHEREAS,** It was the wish of seven-year-old Leukemia sufferer Chris Greicius to become a police officer; when police heard about this they wanted to help and granted his wish; and

**WHEREAS,** Young Chris was a police officer for one day on the 29th of April in 1980; others heard about this and thought that granting wishes for sick children was a good idea; subsequently, the Make-A-Wish Foundation was founded and became one of the best-known children's charities in the world; and

**WHEREAS,** This led to the birth of World Wish Day, the anniversary of the day the police granted Chris' wish; and

**WHEREAS,** There are now 48 countries involved in World Wish Day; people celebrate wish-granting across the globe by making dreams come true for sick children; and

**WHEREAS,** Anyone who wants to get involved in this celebration can spread the word using social media sites, donate money to the charity or refer a child they know; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this vital day and the much appreciated and valuable wishes the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants to the sick children of our State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 29, 2018, as Make-A-Wish Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Wish Day; 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.

