

BY: Senator AKSHAR

COMMEMORATING the second annual Sock Out Cancer
Day benefit campaign and concerts

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious health 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 commemorate the second annual Sock Out Cancer Day, in conjunction with the Sock Out Cancer benefit concerts featuring William Close and The Earth Harp Collective taking place at the Palace Theatre in Albany, New York, on May 8, 2018, and at the Forum Theatre in Binghamton, New York, on May 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, Capital Bank, SEFCU, Tri City Rentals, Chemung Canal Trust Company, Visions Federal Credit Union, and many other individuals and organizations in Albany and Binghamton have shown their caring and commitment by helping to sponsor these concerts for the benefit of financially distressed cancer patients being treated by Albany Med and St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, and by UHS and Lourdes Hospital in Greater Binghamton; and

WHEREAS, The net proceeds from the May 8, 2018, and May 11, 2018, Sock Out Cancer benefit concerts will help these patients pay for non-medical needs such as transportation, groceries and rent or mortgage so they can put all their energy into fighting cancer; and

WHEREAS, These concerts are envisioned to be just the beginning of furthering Sock Out Cancer's mission to help financially distressed cancer patients throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, These concerts and other Sock Out Cancer fundraising initiatives are designed to serve as a blueprint for individuals and health service organizations in other regions of New York State to begin instituting programs benefitting cancer patients needing assistance within their own home communities; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the State, consumers help support the program and show solidarity with their friends and family members fighting cancer by purchasing and wearing Sock Out Cancer's signature multi-colored socks representing the more than 20 different kinds of cancer; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate Sock Out Cancer Day, in conjunction with the May 8, 2018, and May 11, 2018, Sock Out Cancer Benefit Concerts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bruce Boyea, Chairman, President and CEO, Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.