

BY: Senator SEWARD

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
May 2018, as Emergent Large Vessel Occlusion (ELVO)
Stroke Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of death and long-term disability in the United States, affecting more than 795,000 Americans and their loved ones every year; and

WHEREAS, Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, killing over 6,000 New Yorkers annually; stroke can happen to anyone at any time, regardless of race, gender or age; and

WHEREAS, Stroke is the leading cause of adult disability; there are more than seven million stroke survivors in the United States, with two thirds living with moderate to severe disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Emergent Large Vessel Occlusion (ELVO) strokes are some of the most severe strokes; prompt treatment of an ELVO stroke can mean the difference between life and death, complete recovery and severe disability; and

WHEREAS, Advancements in medical innovation have produced revolutionary new treatments such as tissue plasminogen activator and thrombectomy in which highly trained stroke surgeons, in conjunction with neurologists, treat patients suffering from ELVO strokes by removing or dissolving the blood clot and ensuring the patients' survival while greatly reducing long-term disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Only an estimated 10 percent of those ELVO stroke victims who would benefit from specialized care are currently being properly assessed, triaged and transported to level 1 stroke centers to receive this lifesaving treatment; and

WHEREAS, New York must continue to raise awareness about advancements in ELVO stroke treatment and provide our emergency medical responders with the most up-to-date information about identifying stroke patients who may have an emergent large vessel occlusion and would benefit most from these specialized treatments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2018, as Emergent Large Vessel Occlusion (ELVO) Stroke Awareness Month in the State of New York, and to encourage all New Yorkers to ask their doctors about stroke prevention and the warning signs of stroke; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; Dr. Philip M. Meyers, New York Presbyterian Hospital and the Neurological Institute of New York; Columbia University Medical Center and Columbia Doctors; Dr. J. Mocco, Mount Sinai Health System; Dr.

Jeffery Farkas, NYU Langone Brooklyn; Dr. Adnan Siddiqui, Gates Vascular Institute; and Dr. Athos Patsalides, Weill Cornell Medicine