

BY: Senator PARKER

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2017, as Colon Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days set aside to increase awareness of serious issues which 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 memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2017, Colon Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York in conjunction with the observance of National Colon Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, In February of 2000, then President Bill Clinton officially dedicated March as National Colon Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, National Colon Cancer Awareness Month has grown to be a rallying point for the colon cancer community where thousands of patients, survivors, caregivers and advocates throughout the country join together to spread colon cancer awareness by wearing blue, holding fundraising and education events, talking to friends and family about screening and more; and

WHEREAS, National Colon Cancer Awareness Month has been instrumental in honoring and remembering loved ones, motivating individuals to get screened, and celebrating how far we have come in spreading awareness of this disease; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this deadly disease, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state and national levels to educate and support those afflicted as well as their families and caregivers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2017, as Colon Cancer Awareness 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.