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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2017, as Multiple Myeloma 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 just proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2017, as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month in the State of New York in conjunction with the observance of National Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Multiple Myeloma is cancer formed by malignant plasma cells; these plasma cells are part of the bone marrow, producing healthy blood and functioning as part of the immune system; and

WHEREAS, Cancerous plasma cells grow out of control and can produce tumors in the bones and other tissues; if there is only one tumor it is called isolated plasmacytoma, otherwise it is known as Multiple Myeloma; and

WHEREAS, Roughly 22,000 new cases of Multiple Myeloma are diagnosed each year and about 10,000 deaths occur yearly from this disease; and

WHEREAS, With increased Multiple Myeloma awareness and treatment options, survival statistics have doubled in the last decade; 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 Multiple Myeloma 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.