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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
November 2017, as Diabetes Awareness Month in the  
State of New York

**WHEREAS**, Diabetes affects more than 29 million Americans, including over 1.6 million New Yorkers, and is a chronic condition that occurs when the body does not properly produce or use the hormone insulin that regulates blood sugar; and

**WHEREAS**, In type 1 diabetes the body does not produce insulin, it is usually diagnosed in children and young adults, and affects only 5% of people with diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, In type 2 diabetes, which affects 90% to 95% of all diagnosed adult cases of diabetes, the body does not use insulin properly, and is linked to obesity, hypertension, and high levels of fat in the blood; and

**WHEREAS**, 1.6 million New Yorkers (10.0%) have diabetes, and the percentage of New York State adults who have diabetes increased from 6.3% in 2000 to 10% in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Type 2 diabetes is more prevalent among New York adults with Medicare (28.1%) and is significantly higher among non-Hispanic black adults than among non-Hispanic white adults living in New York; and

**WHEREAS**, In New York, only half of Medicaid Managed Care enrollees with type 2 diabetes received all recommended testing; and

**WHEREAS**, Adults with type 2 diabetes are two to four times more likely to die from heart disease than adults without diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, At least 68% of people age 65 or older with diabetes die from some form of cardiovascular disease; and 16% die of stroke; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Heart Association considers diabetes to be one of the seven major controllable risk factors for cardiovascular disease; and

**WHEREAS**, According to CDC Medicare data compiled from 2012-2016, the total amount paid for Cardiovascular Disease was \$7.8 billion for 21,162 New York beneficiaries; and

**WHEREAS**, The New York State Department of Health purports that diabetes had "reached epidemic proportions in New York State with an overall annual cost of diabetes attributable to both direct medical costs and lost productivity, of \$12 billion for all payers; and

**WHEREAS**, Appropriate awareness and education regarding

cardiovascular risks associated with diabetes can effectively improve the overall outcome and financial burden of the illness; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious health condition, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and National levels; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim November 2017, as Diabetes 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.