

Assembly Resolution No. 831

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
February 6, 2018, as 10th Mountain Division and Fort
Drum Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Fort Drum is located in Jefferson County, in Northern New York, and is the largest military installation in the Northeastern United States; and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum is named for Lieutenant General Hugh Drum, a decorated national hero, former commander of First Army, and an early leader of the State's own volunteer militia, the New York Guard; and

WHEREAS, For 30 years, Fort Drum has been home to the United States' Army's storied 10th Mountain Division; and

WHEREAS, The 10th Mountain Division includes the Army's most deployed combat units, serving with honor, distinction, and at great sacrifice as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom and other actions central to our Nation's response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The distinguished service of units posted to Fort Drum has been celebrated by Presidents, members of Congress, and members of the international community; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its vital role in our Nation's defense, Fort Drum is the largest single-site employer in the State of New York, and an economic engine for the State and region, with a direct impact of roughly \$1.2 billion in 2016, supporting more than 72,000 people, including military personnel, their families, retirees, and civilians; and

WHEREAS, It is this sense of this Legislative Body to salute the soldiers and officers of the 10th Mountain Division, to honor their dedication to preserving our freedom, and our Nation, and to recognize their individual and collective contributions to our communities and to New York State; and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum has and will continue to play an important and essential role in ensuring our Nation's military readiness to defend our State and Nation against hostility and threats to our safety and national security; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 6, 2018, as 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Day in the State of New York; 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, Major General Walter Piatt, Commanding General of the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum; The Honorable Mark Esper, Secretary of the Army; and members of Congress representing the State of New York.