

BY: Senator RIVERA

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
March 26, 2019, as Diabetes Alert Day in the State
of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious health issues that 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 Tuesday, March 26, 2019, as Diabetes Alert Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Diabetes Alert Day; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes is a metabolic disease in which the body's inability to produce any or enough insulin causes elevated levels of glucose in the blood; nearly 30 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes, with 1.4 million Americans diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Health describes the prevalence of diabetes as "arguably our biggest looming health challenge"; the prevalence of diagnosed diabetes in New York State has increased steadily in the past two decades, from 4.6 % in 1996 to over 10% in 2013; and

WHEREAS, In December of 2012, the Department of Health reported that diabetes had reached epidemic proportions in New York State; the overall annual cost of diabetes in New York, attributable to both direct medical costs and lost productivity, is \$12 billion for all payers, including Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Health recorded 4,035 diabetes deaths in New York in 2013, however, the Centers for Disease Control indicates that diabetes generally may be under-reported as a cause of death because, nationwide, only about 35 to 40 percent of people with diabetes who died from 2000 through 2002 had diabetes listed anywhere on the death certificate; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes is the primary cause of death for 69,071 Americans each year, and contributes to the death of 234,051 Americans annually; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state and national levels to improve health and healthcare outcomes for those affected by diabetes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 26, 2019, as

Diabetes Alert Day 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.