

BY: Senator RIVERA

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
May 2020, as Stop the Bleed Month in the State of
New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in recognizing official months established to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2020, as Stop the Bleed Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observation of National Stop the Bleed Month; and

WHEREAS, Launched in October 2015 by the White House, Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and call to action as accidental injury is a leading cause of death in New York and uncontrolled hemorrhage is a leading cause of preventable traumatic death; and

WHEREAS, May 2020, marks the second annual National Stop the Bleed Month dedicated to highlighting the importance of Stop the Bleed training, and providing the public with information and education through local fire, EMS, and health care professionals; and

WHEREAS, In rural settings, up to 80% of deaths occur in the pre-hospital setting, commonly from either fatal injuries or uncontrolled hemorrhage; and

WHEREAS, Much like training of the general public in CPR and use of automatic defibrillators, bystanders can become heroic lifesavers, and by improving public awareness about how to stop severe bleeding, can make the difference between life and death of an injured person; and

WHEREAS, The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma has put significant emphasis on the development and availability of bleeding control training programs to enable the public to respond to victims of a trauma event to stop or slow life-threatening bleeding until professional emergency responders arrive; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding control training programs should be available to the public and bleeding control equipment should be readily available in public and private locations so people can easily and rapidly access equipment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2020, as Stop the Bleed Month 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; and the New York Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.