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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
May 12-18, 2019, as Skilled Nursing Care Week in the
State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life for the cherished citizens in their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 12-18, 2019, as Skilled Nursing Care Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Skilled Nursing Care Week; and

WHEREAS, Established by the American Health Care Association in 1967 and always beginning on Mother's Day, National Skilled Nursing Care Week provides an opportunity for residents and their loved ones, staff, volunteers, and surrounding communities to recognize the role of skilled nursing care centers in caring for America's seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, New York is stronger because we honor and respect our elders, and citizens of any age with physical or intellectual disabilities, who reside at a skilled nursing or post-acute care center throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, These citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, Every skilled nursing care center embodies a unique and vibrant spirit and community for residents, volunteers and staff alike; acts of kindness, generosity and compassion from proud veterans, immigrants, and hardworking people of different faiths fill the walls of each center; and

WHEREAS, During National Skilled Nursing Care Week, skilled nursing care centers will unite under the theme, "Celebrating Life's Stories"; centers will be encouraged to collect narratives on each individual's most significant life events, relationships and experiences to cultivate a shared sense of purpose at the center and in the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, All citizens are encouraged to visit a loved one, friend, or neighbor being cared for in any setting, and to offer a kind word and a personal touch to show their continuing support; and

WHEREAS, New York is committed to quality health care and to continuously improving quality of life; this Legislative Body is proud

to embrace the theme of "Celebrating Life's Stories" which pays homage to the diverse set of perspectives that residents, family and staff bring to everyday interactions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 12-18, 2019, as Skilled Nursing Care Week 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.