

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
April 6, 2019, as Missing Persons Day in the State  
of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the intent of this Legislative Body to create public awareness concerning the devastation occurring as a result of the unexplained disappearance of a loved one; and

**WHEREAS,** Saturday, April 6, 2019, is the observance of the 41st birthday of Suzanne Gloria Lyall, a University at Albany student who has been missing since 1998; and

**WHEREAS,** This year, March 2, 2019, will mark the 21st Anniversary of when Suzanne Gloria Lyall disappeared; and

**WHEREAS,** A bright, creative and talented computer science student, Suzanne Lyall touched countless lives with her poetry, radiant personality and cheerful, infectious smile; and

**WHEREAS,** The youngest of the three children of Mary and the late Doug Lyall, Suzanne Lyall of Ballston Spa, New York, disappeared at the age of 19 in the prime of her life, while preparing for a brilliant future; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1999, legislation was enacted that required all colleges to adopt plans for investigation of reports of missing students and of violent felony offenses occurring on their campuses; and further required that such plans include agreements with local police agencies for coordination of these investigations; and further required the Division of Criminal Justice Services to operate a toll free 24-hour telephone number that members of the public may call to obtain information as to resources available to the public to assist in the location and recovery of missing persons; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2000, New York State passed legislation known as "Suzanne's Law," which provides for increased penalties for certain crimes committed on school grounds; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York intends to make April 6, 2019, a day of recognition of the need to further enhance efforts to locate missing persons in New York, noting the missing persons epidemic in this State, and the impact this epidemic has on the families, people close to a missing individual, and the community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS,** Several thousand people are labeled "missing" in New York State, many of whom are 18 years of age or older; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that we should attempt to bring comfort to the family members of missing persons in the State of New York who suffer from continuous grieving and who are

condemned to carry the burden of uncertainty as a result of not knowing the true circumstances of their loved one's disappearance or whereabouts; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body reaffirms its ongoing crusade by observing April 6, 2019, as Missing Persons Day in the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 6, 2019, as Missing Persons 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.