

Assembly Resolution No. 229

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
March 2019, as Stop the Bleed Month in the State of
New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months 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 hereby memorializes Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2019, as Stop the Bleed Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Stop the Bleed Month; and

WHEREAS, The National Stop the Bleed Campaign is a call to action; a person can die from blood loss within five minutes, therefore, it is important to stop the blood loss as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, Trauma is the leading cause of death for Americans under the age of 46; the top cause of preventable death in trauma is bleeding; 20% of people who have died from traumatic injuries could have survived with quick bleeding control; 35% of pre-hospital deaths are due to blood loss; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of victims in a mass casualty event are transported to the hospital by members of the public; and

WHEREAS, The National Stop the Bleed Campaign increases awareness of the American College of Surgeons Stop the Bleed program and its goal is to connect Bleeding Control instructors with interested citizens throughout the month of May 2019, and specifically on May 23rd during the American College of Emergency Physician's EMS Week; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, the National Stop the Bleed Day saw incredible success with over 35,000 citizens in all 50 states and 10 countries, including England, Italy, and Australia trained through the Bleeding Control Basic (B-Con) course; those trained included law enforcement, emergency first responders, and citizen bystanders; and

WHEREAS, The Stop the Bleed initiative was started in 2015 to increase B-Con training, as hemorrhage is the leading cause of preventable death in the pre-hospital environment; and

WHEREAS, While the Hartford Consensus and Stop the Bleed resolution described a need for bystander B-Con training, National Stop the Bleed Month campaign seized on this consensus and put it into action, providing B-Con familiarization and training to increase survivability in these situations; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this

serious health condition, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and National levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2019, as Stop the Bleed Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Stop the Bleed Month; 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.