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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
May 5-11, 2019, as Small Business Week in the State
of New York

WHEREAS, In New York, the dedication and entrepreneurial spirit of small businesses, minority-and women-owned businesses, and entrepreneurs are vital to the prosperity and vibrancy of every community across this great State and nation; and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, over 608,000 enterprises qualify as small businesses in New York State, comprising 98 percent of the State's established firms with 100 or fewer people; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration reported that 37,949 companies exported goods from New York State in 2015, and of these, 35,642 or 94% were small and medium-sized firms, which generated 57% of New York's total known export value; and

WHEREAS, New York small businesses employed 4.1 million people, or 54 % of the private workforce, in 2017 and has created 261,963 new jobs since 2013; and

WHEREAS, New York State actively supports Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) by supporting a State procurement contracting goal of 30% from MWBE firms; and

WHEREAS, The Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act of 2014 promotes and encourages participation of service-disabled veteran-owned businesses (SDVOBs) in New York State's public procurement process; and

WHEREAS, The innovation, diversity, competitive strength, job creation, and quality of life that small businesses bring to our economy are vital elements of our State's long-term economic health; and

WHEREAS, Small business owners possess the dedication and entrepreneurial spirit to develop and market new technologies, thereby bringing more capital into the business market and further strengthening our economy; and

WHEREAS, Small businesses in New York State exert a strong positive influence on the political, economic, and social development of the State, and the future welfare of the State depends on the continued development of small businesses; and

WHEREAS, The entrepreneurial spirit of New York residents has led to the creation and growth of emerging agricultural industries in New York such as craft beverages, artisanal foods, and the production of hemp and hops; and

WHEREAS, The members of the New York State Assembly wish to proclaim their recognition of small businesses as a crucial element in the economy of New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare May 5-11, 2019, as Small Business 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.