

Assembly Resolution No. 171

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RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY for the Impeachment of
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo is currently facing investigations by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District regarding COVID-19 related deaths in nursing homes; as well as an investigation by the New York State Attorney General regarding sexual harassment claims against him; and

WHEREAS, The four Legislative Leaders and numerous state legislators and local officials have called on Governor Cuomo to resign or consider stepping down from office, illustrating a severe lack of trust and credibility of the Governor during a critical time when New York State continues to deal with the public health, economic and social impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature and Executive must expeditiously commence with comprehensive budget negotiations in order to finalize the spending plan for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year by the mandatory deadline of April 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, It has been chronicled in the press that unlawful or improper methods have been used or pursued by public officers and wrongful acts done to cover-up the number of COVID-19 related nursing home and long-term care facility deaths, by intentionally underreporting the true death toll by fifty percent; and upon further information and belief willfully and corruptly altered a July report "Factors Associated with Nursing Home Infections and Fatalities in New York State During the COVID-19 Global Health Crisis" issued by the New York State Department of Health, to significantly undercount nursing home related deaths; and

WHEREAS, A transcript has been released of a meeting in which a top aide to the Governor admitted that the administration froze information on COVID-19 related nursing home deaths in response to a request from the U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, It has been alleged by one member of the Assembly that the Governor threatened the member's career as political retribution; and

WHEREAS, Recent widely and publicly available reports by the press contain allegations by at least four former employees of the Executive detailing pervasive sexual harassment by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, The laws of New York State provide protection for all individuals from unlawful discrimination and harassment; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has otherwise committed actions of willful and corrupt misconduct; and

WHEREAS, Given the above instances of willful and corrupt

misconduct, the Governor is hereby deemed unfit to serve in his public office and should be removed from said office upon the adoption of this resolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, be and hereby is impeached for willful and corrupt misconduct in office and high crimes and misdemeanors.