

Senate Resolution No. 1923

**BY:** Senator AKSHAR

**COMMEMORATING** the sixth annual Sock Out Cancer Day on June 5, 2022, in conjunction with the observance of National Cancer Survivors Day

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days 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 is moved to commemorate the sixth annual Sock Out Cancer Day on June 5, 2022, in conjunction with the observance of National Cancer Survivors Day, in solidarity with all New York State residents and their families fighting cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** These endeavors during 2021 in the midst of the on-going COVID-19 Pandemic, included two Sock Out Cancer benefit concerts - A Musical Tribute to Elton John and Billy Joel - with Philip Myers and Matt Cusson, October 8, 2021, in Syracuse, New York, and October 9, 2021, in Binghamton, New York; Sock Out Cancer Awareness Day at Dick's Sporting Goods Open, Friday, July 2, 2021; Sock Out Cancer & CHOW Car Parade, August 22, 2021; and the Broome Oncology Virtual 5K Run/Walk, September 12, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and many other individuals and organizations throughout the State and beyond, have shown their caring and commitment over the first five years of Sock Out Cancer's existence by helping to sponsor these events and distributed over \$1.02 Million for the benefit of financially distressed cancer patients being treated in Binghamton, Syracuse, Albany, New York City, and throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS,** In furtherance of the cause, events in 2022 include: Sock Out Cancer Awareness Day at the Binghamton Black Bears, March 5, 2022; Sock Out Cancer Awareness Day at Dick's Sporting Goods Open, Friday, August 19, 2022; three benefit concerts featuring the Classic Voices of Fran Cosmo, legendary former lead singer of Boston and John Elefante, former legendary lead singer of Kansas, both with the Philip Myers Band, October 20, 2022, in Syracuse; October 21, 2022, in Binghamton; and October 22, 2022, in Albany; 3rd Annual Sock Out Cancer Car Parade; Binghamton Rumble Ponies and Syracuse Mets baseball benefits; and the 4th Annual Broome Oncology 5K Run/Walk; and

**WHEREAS,** The signature events during 2022 are the Sock Out Cancer benefit concerts taking place at the Landmark Theatre in Syracuse, on October 20, 2022; The Forum Theatre in Binghamton, on October 21, 2021; and in Albany on October 22, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** These events continue to grow in furtherance of Sock Out Cancer's mission to help financially distressed cancer patients throughout New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** The net proceeds from the October 20th, October 21st, and October 22nd, Sock Out Cancer benefit concerts and other 2022 Sock Out Cancer events are expected to increase the total amount raised to help Cancer patients pay for non-medical needs such as food, housing and transportation so they can put all their energy into fighting cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** These concerts and other Sock Out Cancer initiatives are designed to serve as a blueprint for individuals and health service organizations in other regions of New York State and beyond to begin instituting programs benefiting cancer patients needing assistance within their own home communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout the State, citizens help support the program and show solidarity with their friends and family members fighting cancer by purchasing and wearing Sock Out Cancer's signature multi-colored socks representing the more than 20 different types of cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the sixth annual Sock Out Cancer Day on June 5, 2022, in conjunction with the observance of National Cancer Survivors Day; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bruce W. Boyea, Chairman of the Board, Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.