

BY: Senator AKSHAR

COMMEMORATING the fifth annual Sock Out Cancer Day
on June 6, 2021, 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 fifth annual Sock Out Cancer Day on June 6, 2021, 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 2020 in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic, included Binghamton Devils Hockey benefits in Binghamton, New York, January 31 and February 2, 2020; University of Albany and Binghamton University Basketball benefit in Albany, New York, February 5, 2020; Siena College and Fairfield Basketball benefit in Albany, New York, February 7, 2020; Binghamton University Red Cross Blood Drive, February 19, 2020; Binghamton University Basketball event, February 20, 2020; Charity Sponsor of the Binghamton Virtual Bridge Run, Binghamton, New York, September 27, 2020; Virtual Sock Out Cancer benefit concert with Philip Myers and Matt Cusson, May 8, 2020; Sock Out Cancer & CHOW Car Parade, July 26, 2020; and the Broome Oncology Virtual 5K Run/Walk, October 4, 2020; 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 years by helping to sponsor these events and raise over \$750,000 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 2021 include, Sock Out Cancer Awareness Day at Dick's Sporting Goods Open, Friday, July 2, 2021; 2nd annual Sock Out Cancer Car Parade; Binghamton Rumble Ponies and Syracuse Mets baseball benefits; and the 3rd annual Broome Oncology 5K Run/Walk, Sunday, October 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The signature event during 2021 is the Sock Out Cancer benefit concert featuring a Billy Joel/Elton John Tribute Show, taking place at the Oncenter Crouse Hinds Theatre in Syracuse, New York, on October 8, 2021 and The Forum Theatre in Binghamton, New York, on October 9, 2021; 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 8th and October 9th Sock Out Cancer benefit concerts and other 2021 Sock Out Cancer events are expected to increase to over \$850,000 the total amount raised to help these 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 fifth annual Sock Out Cancer Day in conjunction with National Cancer Survivors Day on June 6, 2021; and be it further

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