

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
May 2021, as Neurofibromatosis 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 illnesses that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2021, as Neurofibromatosis Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Neurofibromatosis Month; and

**WHEREAS,** Neurofibromatosis (NF), a debilitating tumor disorder, affects more than 130,000 Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** Neurofibromatosis Northeast has worked for over 30 years on its mission to find a cure for NF; and

**WHEREAS,** With a mission to finding a treatment and cure for NF, Neurofibromatosis Northeast promotes research, creates awareness and supports those who are affected by NF; and

**WHEREAS,** Growing awareness of NF has resulted in increased investment in research through private charities such as NF Northeast and the NF Research Program in the Department of Defense which has resulted in new clinical trials involving application of drugs which have been shown to reduce malignant tumors in cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2019, the FDA approved the use of Koselugo (selumetinib) for treatment of NF1, and promising science using combination therapy, gene therapy and bacterial therapy has led to new clinical trials offering hope for families dealing with the uncertainties of NF; and

**WHEREAS,** Increased awareness of NF will help initiate critical research; NF patients and their families are determined to make Neurofibromatosis a household word; 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 May 2021, as Neurofibromatosis Month 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.

