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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
March 12, 2021, as Mutual Aid Workers' Day in the
State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Service to community and country is the foundation of our society, and the contributions and future efforts of those in service to them are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 12, 2021, as Mutual Aid Workers' Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Mutual Aid groups offer communities the opportunity to connect, both virtually and in person, in order to share support and resources during times of crisis and beyond; these systems are successful because everyone has something to contribute, and everyone has something they need; and

WHEREAS, Mutual Aid is a network of volunteers who work together to provide help for the community when the usual sources cannot or will not; some of these services include homeless outreach, offering hygiene products, community composting, picking up prescriptions, transportation to and from medical appointments, cleaning up parks, free education and support; and

WHEREAS, As New York State, the United States of America and the world as a whole deal with COVID-19, more and more people and groups have come together to help their fellow man, woman and child during this unprecedented global emergency; and

WHEREAS, In light of their commitment, dedication, and successful efforts, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to the many ordinary citizens who have joined hands in solidarity to organize Mutual Aid groups in the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 12, 2021, as Mutual Aid Workers' Day 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.