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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 31, 2021, as Transgender Day of Visibility in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate and increase awareness of the community issues that are of significance to the citizens of this great Nation and Empire state; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 31, 2021, as Transgender Day of Visibility in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of International Transgender Day of Visibility; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility will include all New Yorkers who identify as Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, and/or Non-Binary (TGNCNB); and

WHEREAS, Transgender violence and bigotry harm our communities, with statistics showing that 1 in 2 transgender and Gender Non-Binary individuals have encountered verbal, physical, emotional, or digital violence; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 transgender people in the United States have been denied housing and 11% have been evicted for their gender identity; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 12 transgender people report being kicked out of their family homes and 1 in 5 transgender people have been homeless at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Transgender people have a rate of depression nearly four times that of the general population and 40% of transgender people have attempted suicide in their lifetime (nine times the rate of the general population); and

WHEREAS, 1 in 2 of transgender people have been sexually assaulted at some point in the life, with that percent only increasing for females and people of color; and

WHEREAS, More than half of transgender individuals have experienced harassment due to their gender identity at their work or in medical offices; and

WHEREAS, Transgender people are four times more likely to live in poverty than the general population; and

WHEREAS, We must work together to educate our communities about transgender rights, supporting the transgender community, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions which condone transphobia; and

WHEREAS, When we as a New York State Legislative Body actively get involved, we can prevent transphobia by increasing education, awareness, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, It is time to create a safer environment in the workplace, the community, and the whole State of New York; and

WHEREAS, March 31st is National Transgender Day of Visibility and each day in the year is an opportunity to create change for the future; and

WHEREAS, Transgender violence is a horrific hate crime which deserves the attention of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 31, 2021, as Transgender Day of Visibility in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of the Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.