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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2021, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month, and June 27, 2021, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** All citizens of the United States possess the basic human right to the preservation of personal dignity; and

**WHEREAS,** All citizens of the United States deserve the investment of every possible resource to ensure their lasting physical, mental, and emotional well-being; and

**WHEREAS,** The diagnosis known as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was initially formulated in 1980 by the American Psychiatric Association to more accurately assess and assist veterans who had endured severe combat stress in Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS,** It has been shown through electro-magnetic imaging that these wounds can cause physical changes to the brain which more accurately describe as an injury; and

**WHEREAS,** Referring to invisible wounds as post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI) can favorably influence those affected and encourage them to seek treatment without fear of retribution or shame; and

**WHEREAS,** Post-traumatic stress injury can occur following exposure to extremely traumatic events other than combat such as, but not exclusive to: interpersonal violence, life-threatening accidents and natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS,** All citizens suffering from post-traumatic stress injury deserve our compassion and consideration; those brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have received these wounds in action against an enemy of the United States further deserve our clear and obvious recognition; and

**WHEREAS,** Timely and appropriate treatment of post-traumatic stress injury can diminish complications and avert suicides; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2021, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month, and June 27, 2021, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; and Thomas Mahany, Executive Director, Honor for ALL.

