

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim May 26, 2009, as XP Awareness Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, XP, Xeroderma Pigmentosum, is a rare genetic disease where patients lack the ability to repair damage done to their cells by ultra-violet radiation (mostly sunlight, but also man-made lighting like fluorescent, halogen, halide, mercury vapor, sodium vapor); being exposed to this radiation causes damage that results in cell death and mutation, leading to hundreds of skin and eye tumors; and

WHEREAS, There is no cure for XP at present, and the only management of the disease is avoidance of UV sources and removal of any neoplasms immediately upon discovery; and

WHEREAS, Patients suffering from XP face surgery, skin grafts, cornea transplants and chemical treatments, most will not live to adulthood; and

WHEREAS, There are less than 150 cases of XP in the United States, a few thousand in the world; research for XP for a cure would also help millions of people worldwide who suffer from a global epidemic of skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, May 26, 2009, is National XP Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, In conjunction with National XP Awareness Day, it is most appropriate that this great Empire State recognize May 26, 2009, as XP Awareness Day in the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim May 26, 2009, as XP Awareness 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 David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York.