

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim the week of June 24-30, 2012 as International Bangla Festival Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The 21st Bangla Festival, which grew out of the traditional book fair organized by Muktadhara since 1992, is the largest gathering of Bangla language and literature enthusiasts outside the sub-continent; and

WHEREAS, The Bangla Festival brings together more than one thousand delegates from different states as well as other countries; more than 10,000 Bangla speakers who live in New York and other North American states attend the event to enjoy music, books and cultural interaction with leading writers and artists from the sub-continent; and

WHEREAS, For two decades, Muktadhara, an international organization, publishing house, and bookstore dedicated to the promotion of Bengali literature and culture, has celebrated Bengali history, language, and culture by hosting the International Bangla Festival; and

WHEREAS, Journalists, industrialists, bankers and IT specialists will participate in the 21st International Bangla Festival; in addition to seminars, workshops and musical presentations, the festival will include stalls displaying books, real estate, music and handicrafts; and

WHEREAS, Opening in New York City, the festival will travel to three other cities in the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim the week of June 24-30, 2012 as International Bangla Festival Week in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nasimun Nahar Nini, Convener of the International Bangla Festival and Book Fair 2012; Bishawjit Saha, President of the Muktadhara Foundation; and to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.