

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 18-24, 2015, as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks that are set aside to increase awareness of serious illnesses which affect the lives of citizens of New York 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 October 18-24, 2015, as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 2,100 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and an estimated 450 men each year will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, The public commonly thinks of breast cancer as a disease affecting only women, a misconception which can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and

WHEREAS, Early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and

WHEREAS, Due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, In order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary; and

WHEREAS, In remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this often overlooked disease, it is appropriate to recognize Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week in order to foster public awareness and understanding of male breast cancer and to encourage early detection and prompt treatment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 18-24, 2015, as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week 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.