

**BY:** Senator COMRIE

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 8, 2017, as Stand Up To Cancer Day in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious illnesses that 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 September 8, 2017, as Stand Up To Cancer Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Stand Up To Cancer Day; and

**WHEREAS,** Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C) is a groundbreaking initiative created to accelerate innovative cancer research that will get new therapies to patients quickly and save lives now; and

**WHEREAS,** SU2C's mission is to raise funds to accelerate the pace of groundbreaking translational research; and

**WHEREAS,** SU2C brings together the best and the brightest researchers and mandates collaboration among the cancer community; and

**WHEREAS,** By galvanizing the entertainment industry, SU2C has set out to generate awareness, educate the public on cancer prevention and help more people diagnosed with cancer become long-term survivors; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded on May 28, 2008, SU2C funds pledged since its inception total more than \$481 million, and the number of scientists participating in SU2C-funded research is over 1,200; and

**WHEREAS,** There are more than 170 clinical trials funded by SU2C which are planned, initiated or completed; and the patients enrolled in SU2C supported clinical trials exceed 9,000; and

**WHEREAS,** The number of institutions joining in SU2C's collaborative mission is more than 140 and the number of people in the United States who were diagnosed with cancer today is approximately 4,544; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious disease, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and National levels; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 8, 2017, as Stand Up To Cancer 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 Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of

New York.