

**BY:** Senator FUNKE

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor  
Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2018, as Cystic  
Fibrosis Awareness Month in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months 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 May 2018, as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a donor-supported nonprofit organization, is the world's leader in the search for a cure for cystic fibrosis, having raised and invested hundreds of millions of dollars to help develop drugs and therapies; and

**WHEREAS,** The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is working to cure cystic fibrosis and to provide all people struggling with the disease the opportunity to lead full, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS,** Cystic fibrosis, commonly referred to as "CF", is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States and nearly 70,000 children and adults worldwide, 1,625 of whom live in New York; and

**WHEREAS,** A defective gene causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, and these secretions produce life-threatening lung infections and obstruct the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down and absorb food; and

**WHEREAS,** More than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the defective CF gene, and CF occurs in approximately one of every 3,500 live births in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** The median age of survival for a person with CF is 41.1 years; and

**WHEREAS,** With advances in the treatment of CF, the number of adults with CF has steadily grown, and approximately 1,000 new cases of CF are diagnosed each year; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the CF Foundation's efforts, the life expectancy of a child with CF has doubled in the last 30 years, and research to find a cure is more promising than ever; and

**WHEREAS,** Nearly 50% of the CF population is 18 years of age and older, and people with CF have a variety of symptoms attributed to the

more than 1,800 mutations of the CF gene; and

**WHEREAS,** Infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is the most reliable and least costly method to identify persons likely to have CF; and

**WHEREAS,** Early diagnosis of CF permits early treatment and enhances quality of life and longevity and the treatment of CF depends on the stage of the disease and the organs involved; and

**WHEREAS,** Clearing mucus from the lungs is an important part of the daily CF treatment regimen, and other types of treatments include inhaled antibiotics and pancreatic enzymes, among others; and

**WHEREAS,** There are 13 world-class treatment centers in this Commonwealth which specialize in the diagnosis of CF and the care of persons with CF; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, 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 May 2018, as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month 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.