

BY: Senator COMRIE

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 29, 2018, as Make-A-Wish Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Wish Day

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of actions that affect the lives of sick children in 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 April 29, 2018, as Make-A-Wish Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Wish Day; and

WHEREAS, It was the wish of seven-year-old Leukemia sufferer Chris Greicius to become a police officer; when police heard about this they wanted to help and granted his wish; and

WHEREAS, Young Chris was a police officer for one day on the 29th of April in 1980; others heard about this and thought that granting wishes for sick children was a good idea; subsequently, the Make-A-Wish Foundation was founded and became one of the best-known children's charities in the world; and

WHEREAS, This led to the birth of World Wish Day, the anniversary of the day the police granted Chris' wish; and

WHEREAS, There are now 48 countries involved in World Wish Day; people celebrate wish-granting across the globe by making dreams come true for sick children; and

WHEREAS, Anyone who wants to get involved in this celebration can spread the word using social media sites, donate money to the charity or refer a child they know; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this vital day and the much appreciated and valuable wishes the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants to the sick children of our State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 29, 2018, as Make-A-Wish Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Wish Day; 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.

