

BY: Senator AMEDORE

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
May 13-19, 2018, as Prevention Week in the State of
New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks set aside to increase awareness of serious issues 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, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 13-19, 2018, as Prevention Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Prevention Week; and

WHEREAS, The theme of National Prevention Week 2018 is "Action Today. Healthier Tomorrow."; and

WHEREAS, This annual health observance is dedicated to increasing public awareness of and action around substance abuse and mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of this annual designation helps to encourage communities to raise awareness about substance abuse and mental health issues; foster partnerships and collaborations with organizations dedicated to preventing substance abuse and mental health issues; and promote and disseminate prevention resources; and

WHEREAS, The 2018 Daily Health Themes include: Promotion of Mental Health & Wellness, Monday, May 14; Prevention of Underage Drinking & Alcohol Misuse, Tuesday, May 15; Prevention of Prescription & Opioid Drug Misuse, Wednesday, May 16; Prevention of Illicit Drug Use & Youth Marijuana Use, Thursday, May 17; Prevention of Suicide, Friday, May 18; and Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use, Saturday, May 19; and

WHEREAS, Schools and local communities are also encouraged to take part in prevention themed events prior to the end of the school year to help raise awareness among students of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Through this observance, this Legislative Body also recognizes substance abuse prevention providers throughout New York State and their important work in reducing the risks associated with substance abuse disorders and their efforts to prevent substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services also offers important information, tips, and resources to help parents, schools, and members of the community keep young people safe from alcohol and drugs through initiatives such as its Talk2Prevent and Combat Heroin webpages; and

WHEREAS, All New Yorkers are encouraged to join in supporting the goal to keep all young people healthy, safe, and drug and alcohol free; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 13-19, 2018, as Prevention Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Prevention Week; 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.