Senate Resolution No. 5108

BY: Senator SERINO

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2018, as Alzheimer's and Brain 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 issues 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, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2018, as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 5 million people living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia in the United States, 400,000 of whom are New York State residents; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60-80 percent of all dementia cases; and

WHEREAS, Every 66 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's, which could result in an estimated 460,000 New Yorkers living with the disease by 2025; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's kills more people than breast and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, The total cost of caring for those in the United States with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is estimated at 259 billion dollars in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Average per-person Medicare spending for seniors with Alzheimer's is almost three times higher than average per-person spending for all other seniors; under Medicaid, spending is, on average, 23 times higher; and

WHEREAS, Informal caregivers spend an average of 5,000 dollars of personal funds per year caring for someone in their family living with Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, Caregivers provide approximately 18.2 billion unpaid hours of care, of which New York caregivers account for 1.2 billion hours, valued at 14 billion dollars, to their loved ones that are living with Alzheimer's disease; 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 June 2018, as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.