BY: Senator BIAGGI

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 22-26, 2019, as Public School Volunteer Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to their public schools; 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 April 22-26, 2019, as Public School Volunteer Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Public School Volunteer Week; and

WHEREAS, During this week, Project AppleSeed, the national campaign for public school improvement, will be celebrating its 23rd annual event recognizing the substantial role school volunteers play in the success of our school; these volunteers truly help the school by nurturing students and assisting its teachers and employees; and

WHEREAS, Parent and community involvement is a significant factor in the success of school; volunteerism is an essential element of all societies, providing a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, School volunteers assist teachers and staff with the day-to-day activities involved in providing a balanced education for our students and are an important part of a team which strives to ensure each and every one of our students succeeds; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the school year, numerous school volunteers spend countless hours serving schools throughout the State of New York as chaperones, mentors, after-school tutors, club leaders, booster club members, PTA and PTO members, guest speakers, classroom helpers, athletic coaches and so much more; and

WHEREAS, Service to community and country is the foundation of our society, and the contributions and future efforts of those in service to them are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, When schools and families work together to support learning, everyone benefits; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 22-26, 2019, as Public School Volunteer Week 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.