

**BY:** Senator BROOKS

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2019, as Military Appreciation Month in New York State, in conjunction with the observance of National Military Appreciation Month

**WHEREAS**, Many citizens of the great State of New York honored this country by serving valiantly in the United States Armed Forces and their reserve components; and

**WHEREAS**, Residents of this State can never forget the courageousness with which these servicemen and women fought and provided essential services on battlefields, in jungles, in the air, and at sea; and

**WHEREAS**, This Legislative Body is justly proud of its commitment to those in the military who served in the time of active conflict and in times of peace; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2019, as Military Appreciation Month in New York State, in conjunction with the observance of National Military Appreciation Month; and

**WHEREAS**, National Military Appreciation Month, designated by Congress, provides a period of encompassing both the history and recognition of our armed forces with an in-depth look at the diversity of its individuals and achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, National Military Appreciation Month allows New Yorkers to educate each generation on the historical impact of our military through the participation of the community with those who serve, encouraging patriotism and love for America; and

**WHEREAS**, The month of May gives the Nation and State a forum, a framework, a time and place on which to focus, to draw attention and express our appreciation for our armed forces and to recall our history; and

**WHEREAS**, May 2019, National Military Appreciation Month, includes VE Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day, Public Service Recognition Week, and Memorial Day; this important month, therefore, honors those Americans who have given their lives in service to our great nation and the men and women now serving in uniform; and

**WHEREAS**, National Military Appreciation Month recognizes those on active duty in all branches of the services, the National Guard and Reserves, military retirees, veterans, and all their families; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to most gratefully acknowledge the servicemen and women, veterans, military

retirees and all their families and respectfully memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2019, as Military Appreciation Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Military Appreciation Month; 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.