

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**COMMENDING** the medical professionals, first responders and volunteers for their heroism during the unprecedented time of crisis created by the Coronavirus Disease 2019

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the efforts of those real-life superheroes serving as clinicians, emergency personnel and volunteers whose dedication and accomplishments have been instrumental in uncertain times; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the doctors, nurses, physicians assistants, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement, volunteers and the National Guard for their work on the front lines leading the charge to solve the COVID-19 pandemic, and for protecting our communities throughout our State and Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** The Coronavirus Disease 2019, a global pandemic which originated in Wuhan, China, has created an unprecedented health crisis that has caused significant economic risks and harm to the well-being of the businesses, organizations and citizens in New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, other Federal agencies, and State and local governments have established guidelines to mitigate the potential spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS,** New York coronavirus cases make up almost half of the nationwide total, and the State is racing to address the uncertainty caused by that crisis while ensuring that people have access to critical care and the essential items they need thanks to the sacrifices of our medical professionals, first responders and volunteers; and

**WHEREAS,** From field hospitals in Central Park, makeshift hospitals at the Jacob Javits Center and the Billie Jean King Tennis Center, along with the USNS Comfort docked on Manhattan's West Side, medical professionals, first responders and volunteers answer the call of duty in any environment where patients are in need of compassionate care; and

**WHEREAS,** In one display of appreciation, which garnered national attention, New Yorkers who were asked to remain indoors leaned out their windows and flooded their balconies to applaud first responders, nurses, doctors and other health care workers who are helping to fight the City's coronavirus outbreak; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by

serving as medical professionals, first responders and volunteers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the medical professionals, first responders and volunteers for their heroism during the unprecedented time of crisis created by the Coronavirus Disease 2019; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to local medical professionals, first responders and volunteers.