

BY: Senator BROOKS

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim August 2020, as Gastroparesis 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 illnesses 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 August 2020, as Gastroparesis Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Gastroparesis Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Gastroparesis Awareness Month is to promote awareness of gastroparesis (stomach paralysis), a debilitating disorder characterized by severe pain, nausea, vomiting, extreme bloating and early satiety; and

WHEREAS, This chronic disorder causes delayed emptying of the stomach, and can lead to malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss, esophageal damage, and dangerously erratic blood sugar levels; and

WHEREAS, Gastroparesis is a chronic illness which, according to National Institutes of Health (NIH) estimates, affects more than 5 million people in the United States, yet is slightly known or understood; and

WHEREAS, There is little awareness, no known cure, and few consistently safe, reliable, and effective medications or treatments; and

WHEREAS, Many New Yorkers have been diagnosed with gastroparesis; this Legislative Body recognizes the vital importance of further research, improved medications, and additional treatment options; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious health disorder, 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 August 2020, as Gastroparesis Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Gastroparesis Awareness 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.

