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COMMEMORATING the third annual Sock Out Cancer Day benefit campaign and concerts, in conjunction with National Cancer Survivors Day

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious health 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, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the third annual Sock Out Cancer Day benefit campaign and concerts, in conjunction with National Cancer Survivors Day, in solidarity with all New York State residents and their families fighting cancer; and

WHEREAS, The highlight of these endeavors is the Sock Out Cancer benefit concert-"Music's Greatest Decade: The '80s"-featuring Alex Ligertwood, former lead singer of Santana, and Kevin Chalfant, who performed on stage as lead vocalist with Journey, backed by the world-traveled 8-piece Philip Myers Band, taking place at The Forum Theatre in Binghamton, New York, on April 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, Visions Federal Credit Union, and many other individuals and organizations in Binghamton and throughout the State have shown their caring and commitment by helping to sponsor this concert and many other events for the benefit of financially distressed cancer patients being treated in Binghamton, Syracuse, Albany, New York City, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The net proceeds from the April 12th Sock Out Cancer benefit concert and other events will help these patients pay for non-medical needs such as food, housing and transportation so they can put all their energy into fighting cancer; and

WHEREAS, These events continue to grow in furtherance of Sock Out Cancer's mission to help financially distressed cancer patients throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, This concert and other Sock Out Cancer fundraising initiatives are designed to serve as a blueprint for individuals and health service organizations in other regions of New York State to begin instituting programs benefiting cancer patients needing assistance within their own home communities; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the State, consumers help support the program and show solidarity with their friends and family members fighting cancer by purchasing and wearing Sock Out Cancer's signature multi-colored socks representing the more than 20 different types of cancer; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the third annual Sock Out Cancer Day benefit campaign and concerts, in conjunction with National Cancer Survivors Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably embossed, be transmitted to Bruce W. Boyea, Chairman, President and CEO, Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.