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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
May 12-18, 2019, as Women's Lung Health Week in the  
State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks that are set aside to increase awareness of serious 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 memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 12-18, 2019, as Women's Lung Health Week in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Women's Lung Health Week celebrates and honors the power of women who stand united to fight lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** Lung Cancer is the number one killer of women; more women die of lung cancer than any other cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** Tobacco use and exposure account for 98% of lung cancer; lifestyle related behaviors are also linked to an increased risk of a cancer diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS,** Asthma rates among women rose 97% compared to a 22% increase in men over a 14 year period; and

**WHEREAS,** Chronic pulmonary disease (COPD) currently accounts for 1.5 million emergency room visits, 71,500 hospitalizations, and eight million physician office and hospital outpatient visits annually; women are 37% more likely to have COPD than men; and

**WHEREAS,** Women may also suffer from a host of other lung ailments including: pulmonary emboli, blood clots which travels to the lung from other parts of the body; pulmonary hypertension, high blood pressure in the arteries which brings blood to the lungs; LAM (lymphangioleiomyomatosis), a rare lung disease that mostly affects women in their mid-30s and 40s; and influenza (the flu) and pneumonia, respiratory infections caused by a virus which can damage the lungs; and

**WHEREAS,** Every seven minutes and thirty seconds, one woman in the United States loses her battle with lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths for women and men in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Advocacy and increased awareness will result in screening and early detention for people with lung cancer that will ultimately save lives; and

**WHEREAS,** Public support for research funding will result in better

treatment and early detection methods that will ultimately save lives;  
and

**WHEREAS,** Lung Force is a national initiative, led by the American Lung Association, to defeat lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** Access to adequate health care has a significant impact on a woman's chance of surviving cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue 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 May 12-18, 2019, as Women's Lung Health 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.