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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
November 3-9, 2019, as Veteran's Awareness Week in
the State of New York

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; 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 November 3-9, 2019, the week prior to our national Veteran's Day, held yearly on November 11th, as Veterans Awareness Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, November 11th is a national holiday set aside for Americans to pay homage to the veterans of our military service organizations; and

WHEREAS, Throughout our Nation's history, the men and women of America's Armed Forces have preserved our freedom, protected our security and upheld our democratic values; from the battles of the American Revolution through the crucible of two world wars to the present war on terrorism, our men and women in uniform have stood proudly in defense of the United States and for the cause of liberty; and

WHEREAS, The true meaning of our Veteran's Day may not receive enough attention on the one-day holiday set aside for this purpose; it is felt that an official week-long period is needed in which schools, veterans organizations, and the general public could more broadly focus on, and show their appreciation for the veterans still with us; and

WHEREAS, During this week in which we honor our veterans, schools may spend more time on programs describing the reasons our men and women were asked to serve our country; patients in veterans hospitals could receive special visits; and attendance at various memorial services for those lost in war could be encouraged and increased; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad, these men and women demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's veterans deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for their dedication to their communities, their State and their Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim November 3-9, 2019, the week prior to our national Veteran's Day, held yearly on November 11th, as Veterans Awareness 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.