Assembly Resolution No. 848

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 12-20, 2020, as Get Out The Count Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 12-20, 2020, as Get Out The Count Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution requires the conduct of a full count of the population every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, The Census Bureau begins the decennial census count in January of 2020, and April 1st is designated as Census Day; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative for all households in this State to fully participate in the population count by completing the census questionnaire; and

WHEREAS, The census population count is used to determine how many of the 435 congressional seats are allocated to each state; and

WHEREAS, Population data issued by the Census Bureau based on the count is used to redraw legislative and congressional districts in each state; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the census population data is used to distribute approximately $675 billion in federal funds to states and local communities throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Census data also informs emergency response efforts, and research in various areas of the sciences, advancing knowledge and the ability to plan for the present and future; and

WHEREAS, Because of its importance for majority representation, federal funding, emergency response efforts, and knowledge used for current and future planning, it is imperative for the State of New York to encourage full participation of all residents in the 2020 Census; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 12-20, 2020, as Get Out The Count 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.