

BY: Senator HINCHEY

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
April 17-25, 2021, as Park Week in the State of New
York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to increase public awareness and appreciation of our National Parks, as well as to encourage individuals across various communities to come together and help preserve, protect, clean, and care for these public lands and historic sites; 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 April 17-25, 2021, as Park Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Park Week; and

WHEREAS, Each April, during the presidentially-proclaimed National Park Week, individuals join with the National Park Foundation to celebrate America's treasures; this week is a time to explore amazing new places, discover stories of history and culture, help out, and find your park; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of National Park Week, a myriad of events will be held highlighting the different ways everyone can enjoy our American parks; and

WHEREAS, Through the tireless efforts of visionaries like First Lady of the United States, Lady Bird Johnson and philanthropist Laurance Rockefeller, the National Park Foundation was chartered by Congress in 1967, to generate private support and build strategic partnerships to protect and enhance America's national parks; and

WHEREAS, The creation of the National Park Foundation lead to the immediate protection and enhancement of some of our most iconic and historic places, such as President Theodore Roosevelt's home in Sagamore, Long Island, Gettysburg, Blue Ridge Parkway, Muir Woods, the Rocky Mountain Range, and the Lyndon B. Johnson Memorial Grove along the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, more than 84 million people visited 62 National Parks located in 29 states and the territories of both American Samoa and the United States Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, Today, this charitable nonprofit organization diligently works to promote programs and projects which protect precious landscapes and wilderness, historical sites, and places of cultural significance, some of which include: the Active Trails program, the Open OutDoors for Kids program, and various benefit events to keep our national parks safe; and

WHEREAS, For over five decades, the National Park Foundation has strived to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and wildlife therein, and provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of those who are committed to the preservation of our natural environment and the enhancement of the appreciation of the distinctive features of our surroundings, and to the economic well-being of the areas in which they exist; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 17-25, 2021, as Park 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.