

**BY:** Senator RIVERA

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 2021, as Sepsis Awareness Month in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious health issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 2021, as Sepsis Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Sepsis Month; and

**WHEREAS,** Sepsis is a life threatening response to infection, which causes tissue damage, organ failure, and death; severely restricted blood flow can contribute to the onset of septic shock, causing the formation of blood clots in organs throughout the body; typically, the body will release chemicals into the bloodstream to defend against infection; and

**WHEREAS,** This serious health issue occurs when the body's reaction is atypical, triggering alterations, which can cause significant damage to multiple organs; certain population groups are more vulnerable to developing sepsis, such as the young, elderly, individuals with chronic illness, and those with compromised immune systems; and

**WHEREAS,** One out of three people will develop sepsis over their lifetime and 1.7 million more are diagnosed with this health condition annually; and

**WHEREAS,** 270,000 people die each year from sepsis and approximately 50,000 New Yorkers are affected by this condition, including New York State Senator Jose Peralta who died from sudden septic shock on November 21, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** National Sepsis Month is recognized throughout the United States each September; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative upon all residents of this great Empire State that attention be brought to this debilitating health condition affecting so many of our friends, family and neighbors in New York State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 2021, as Sepsis Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; Home Care Association of New York State; IPRO; Sepsis

Alliance; and The Rory Staunton Foundation.