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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim September 6-12, 2009, as Italian Wine Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Recently, Italy achieved a major milestone, surpassing France as the dominant producer of wines in the world, as well as the largest exporter to the United States, with a 30% market share and growing despite the economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, Italy's geographic position and fertile terroir coupled with its most precious, paradoxical ingredient, "Italian soul," elevate Italian wine into a class by itself; it is precisely this intangible quality that effortlessly marries cutting edge techniques with age-old traditions, simultaneously promotes the cultivation of indigenous and international varietals and has the most talented collection of small and large wine producers in the world tending to their prized vines; and
WHEREAS, As part of Italian Wine Week, the Italian Trade Commission will sponsor the Saratoga Wine & Food and Fall Ferrari Festival, a fundraiser to benefit the Saratoga Performing Arts Center and the Saratoga Automobile Museum, from September 10-12, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Saratoga Wine & Food and Fall Ferrari Festival will feature three days of fine wine and food events and several Ferrari events, including an Auto Show featuring some of the world's rarest and most valuable collector Ferraris and appearances by North American Racing Team legends, Sam Posey, Denise McCluggage and Luigi Chinetti, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, As the event sponsor, the Italian Trade Commission will present an exclusive Italian pavilion showcasing an exceptional variety of fine Italian wines, cheeses and other authentic specialties, as well as a wine seminar conducted by Kevin Zraly, noted wine expert and author of

the best-selling WINDOWS ON THE WORLD COMPLETE WINE COURSE BOOK; authentic Italian products will also be center stage at a seminar conducted by Lou Di Palo, owner of the legendary Di Palo's Fine Foods in New York City; and

WHEREAS, For true connoisseurs of wine, food and cars, the Saratoga Wine & Food and Fall Ferrari Festival will be a weekend of delights and experiences they will never forget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim September 6-12, 2009, as Italian Wine Week in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Italian Trade Commission and The Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York.