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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Neuropathy Association for its many years of providing public awareness, support, education and advocacy to those suffering from peripheral neuropathy

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations that are committed to bringing about greater public awareness as well as finding cures to serious illnesses that affect the lives of countless New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Neuropathy Association for its many years of providing public awareness, support, education and advocacy to those suffering from peripheral neuropathy; and

WHEREAS, A public, nonprofit organization headquartered in New York City, The Neuropathy Association was established in 1995 by individuals with neuropathy and their families and friends, as well as experts in the field to help those who suffer from disorders that affect the peripheral nerves; and

WHEREAS, The Neuropathy Association has 50,000 active members and supporters, with approximately 120 support groups throughout the United States and abroad providing public awareness, patient support, education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, At present, The Neuropathy Association has seven Neuropathy Centers at major university hospitals across the country, serving patients with neuropathy by providing treatment and conducting research into the causes and cure of neuropathy; and

WHEREAS, Every year, The Neuropathy Association, highlights one week in May to honor, educate and advocate for those suffering with peripheral neuropathy; and

WHEREAS, Peripheral Neuropathy is one of the most common chronic diseases in the United States, affecting more than 20 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Peripheral Neuropathy or "nerve damage" disrupts the body's ability to communicate with its muscles, skin, joints or internal organs, causing numbness, pain, weakness and poor coordination; and

WHEREAS, There are many causes of neuropathy; approximately 30% of neuropathies are "idiopathic" or of an unknown cause; however, another 30% of cases are due to diabetes; other causes include autoimmune disorders, tumors, heredity, nutritional imbalances, infections or toxins; and

WHEREAS, Today, The Neuropathy Association continues to encourage and support research to better understand neuropathy's many causes and, in turn, pave the path for more effective therapies and a cure for neuropathy; and

WHEREAS, The success of The Neuropathy Association is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the Association and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when associations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Neuropathy Association for its many years of providing public awareness, support, education and advocacy to those suffering from peripheral neuropathy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Neuropathy Association.