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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim March 7-13, 2010, as Patient Safety Awareness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in recognizing official weeks established to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim March 7-13, 2010, as Patient Safety Awareness Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Patient Safety Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, Deaths resulting from medical errors occur each year; this accounts for more deaths than are caused by breast cancer, AIDS, and auto accidents combined; and

WHEREAS, The goal of Patient Safety Awareness Week is to promote education and communication about patient safety, as well as partnerships between patients and healthcare providers to improve safety; consumers and healthcare providers must work together to reduce the rate of medical errors; and

WHEREAS, Healthcare providers can actively participate in Patient Safety Awareness Week by emphasizing the work they are doing to improve patient safety and to enlist patients and families in their efforts; and

WHEREAS, Continued improvement in patient safety is the responsibility of everyone, and is attainable through maintaining open communication between patients, doctors and other individuals and organizations related to the medical field; and

WHEREAS, By recognizing Patient Safety Awareness Week, it is hopeful that more New Yorkers will become vigilant in ensuring that the rate of medical errors will decrease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim March 7-13, 2010, as Patient Safety Awareness Week in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, and Ilene Corina, President and Founder of PULSE of New York, Inc.