

## 2011-K76

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 2011 as United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region Month

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those vital programs throughout the State of New York whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life in the communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 2011 as United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region Month; and

WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region is a free, confidential information and referral telephone number helping people gain access to essential services; and

WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region has been providing direct, personal and professional assistance for health, human and crisis services since 2009; and

WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region operates out of a call center at Family and Children's Service of the Capital Region and is supported by funding from United Way of the Greater Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region is committed to offering all community residents information on issues concerning food, housing, child care, employment, health care, senior care, substance abuse, mental health, financial problems, crisis counseling, legal matters and volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region is a vital resource also functioning to assist businesses, support human resources departments, hospital social workers and individuals new to the community who are seeking information about what the region has to offer; and

WHEREAS, With a total of 11,189 calls for the year 2010, the number of United Way 2-1-1 calls received from the 12 counties that make up the Northeast Region include: Albany-3276; Columbia-193; Fulton-167; Greene-177; Hamilton-9; Montgomery-180; Rensselaer-1299; Saratoga-1175; Schenectady-2049; Schoharie-54; Warren-343; and Washington-241; and

WHEREAS, The number of United Way 2-1-1 calls accepted from the four cities that comprise the Northeast Region are: Albany-2459; Schenectady-2005; Troy-923; and Saratoga Springs-274; and

WHEREAS, The top reasons for the United Way 2-1-1 calls, excluding referrals to other 2-1-1 systems, include: Rent Payment Assistance, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), Utility Service Payment Assistance, Food Pantries, Temporary Financial Assistance, Legal Counseling, Job Search/Placement, Housing Search Assistance, Rental Deposit Assistance, and Homeless Shelter; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 2011 as United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region Month; 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.