

## 2011-K270

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April of 2011 as Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases 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 issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April of 2011 as Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases are rare disorders in which part of the body's immune system is compromised or is entirely absent because of intrinsic or genetic defects, causing those with the disease to be more likely to contract infections than other people; and

WHEREAS, These particular diseases range from very mild to serious, and many require multiple therapies, consisting of immunoglobulin administration, gamma-interferon antibiotic therapy, bone-marrow/stem-cell transplantation, or gene therapy to protect individuals from frequent life-threatening infections and debilitating illnesses; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization recognizes more than 150 primary immunodeficiency diseases; today, approximately 250,000 Americans are affected by Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases; and

WHEREAS, Widespread public support is needed to understand Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases; it is also needed to find cures, and to provide access to all available life-saving therapies; and

WHEREAS, The Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF) is dedicated to improving the diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life for people with primary immunodeficiency diseases through research, education, and advocacy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April of 2011 as Prima-

ry Immune Deficiency Diseases 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, and to the Immune Deficiency Foundation.