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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim November 2011, as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for both men and women, and within every ethnic population, in New York, the United States and the world, this year killing more Americans than breast, prostate, colon, liver and kidney cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, In the United States in 2010, an estimated 222,520 people were diagnosed with lung cancer; and, an estimated 157,300 people died from lung cancer accounting for 28% of all cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, In New York in 2010, approximately 13,720 people were diagnosed with lung cancer, and it is estimated that 8,720 people passed away from the disease; and

WHEREAS, For people diagnosed with any stage of lung cancer, the five year survival rate is nearly 16%, and for the 56% of people who are diagnosed with advanced disease, the five year survival rate is less than 5%; and

WHEREAS, Lung cancer causes include smoking, second hand smoke, exposure to toxins and known carcinogens, and genetic abnormalities; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 80% of lung cancer cases are diagnosed in people who have quit smoking or who have never smoked; and

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is a complex disease and treatment options differ, thus knowing as much as possible about the kind and stage of lung cancer will help determine the treatment necessary; and

WHEREAS, Increased awareness and coordination among all stakeholders, including federal and state governments, providers, patient groups, medical researchers, community leaders and organizations, the public and

businesses, is critical to promote the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of lung cancer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim November 2011, as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York; 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.