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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare May 3-11, 2014, as Travel and Tourism Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Travel and Tourism Week

WHEREAS, Travel and tourism are vitally important to the economic health and well-being of the people of the State of New York; 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 declare May 3-11, 2014, as Travel and Tourism Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Travel and Tourism Week; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, the United States Congress passed a joint resolution calling for the establishment of National Travel and Tourism Week and since 1984, the first full week of May has been set aside to celebrate tourism in our great nation; and

WHEREAS, This year's theme is the Travel Effect, the advantages we all gain from travel; this will focus on America's "Day Off Deficit," exploring what it could mean to individuals, businesses and the economy if American workers were motivated to use more of the time off they have earned and deserve; and

WHEREAS, Generating two trillion dollars in economic output, travel and tourism helps grow local, state, and national economies, as well as helping to keep taxes lower through the revenues they bring in; and

WHEREAS, Travel and Tourism support approximately 14.6 million jobs, including 7.7 million directly in the tourism industry and 6.9 million in other industries; it is estimated one in eight jobs in the United States depend on this pivotal aspect of the economy; and

WHEREAS, Investing in these areas represents the potential to strengthen State and local businesses, while reducing stress and enhanc-

ing people's life experience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare May 3-11, 2014, as Travel and Tourism Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Travel and Tourism Week; 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.