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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 2014, as Free Community Paper Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize official months set aside to pay tribute to those journalistic entities which have diligently and consistently recorded the history of their communities and brought local news and news of the larger world to their readers; and

WHEREAS, Newspapers provide a tremendous service to citizens across the State of New York by keeping them informed about current events; the democracy of our State and Nation is strengthened by a responsible citizenry which is actively engaged in reading and kept abreast of news affecting their lives; 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 July 2014, as Free Community Paper Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Free Community Paper Month; and

WHEREAS, This observance provides the opportunity to recognize the role free community newspapers play in providing comprehensive information to consumers in the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, "Our liberty cannot be guarded but by the freedom of the press, nor that be limited without danger of losing it" (Thomas Jefferson to John Jay, 1786); and

WHEREAS, The publishing industry of free community papers and newspapers, made up of both small and large organizations, is an important element in local communities throughout this nation; and

WHEREAS, Collectively, these publications disseminate valuable infor-

mation to more than 50 million homes each week; these hometown publications are the original and enduring hyper local medium, carrying the torch of democracy as the town crier, fixed in print and shared with neighbors free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Free community papers proudly serve the information needs of their communities across this great land, while promoting local commerce, free enterprise and public service; and

WHEREAS, As the industry will sponsor Free Community Paper Month during July, 2014, it is fitting that recognition be given to this special effort to salute these publications, their owners and staff for the continued contributions to the growth and success of local communities through their publications; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 2014 as Free Community Paper 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.