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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 5-9, 2015, as Health Information Technology Week 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 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, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 5-9, 2015, as Health Information Technology Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of the 10th Annual National Health Information Technology Week; and

WHEREAS, National Health Information Technology Week is organized by the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) and is supported by corporate, association, and non-profit partners from around the country; last year, 440 healthcare related organizations participated in National Health Information Technology Week 2014; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive health care reform is not possible without system-wide adoption of health information technology, which improves the quality of healthcare delivery, increases patient safety, decreases medical errors, and strengthens the interaction between patients and healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, With the "Meaningful Use" guidelines supported by the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program now providing the way forward, eligible providers and hospitals across the country increasingly understand the benefits for themselves and their patients, and are adopting Meaningful Use-compliant electronic health records; to date, New York's eligible providers and hospitals have

received a significant amount of assistance from the EHR Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative to acknowledge Health Information Technology Week in the State of New York; it is also necessary to recognize the many accomplishments that have already been attained in adopting health information technology, and to increase public awareness about the benefits of the improved quality and cost efficiency of the healthcare system that the implementation of health information technology could achieve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 5-9, 2015, as Health Information Technology Week 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.