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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 11, 2015, as United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region Day

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those vital programs throughout the State of New York whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life in the communities; 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 February 11, 2015, as United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region Day; and

WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region is a free, confidential information and referral telephone number helping people gain access to essential services; and

WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region has been providing direct, personal and professional assistance for health, human and crisis services since 2009; and

WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region operates out of a 2-1-1 call center staffed by trained call specialists, seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is supported by funding from United Way of the Greater Capital Region, as well as private and public funding; and

WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region is committed to offering all community residents information on issues concerning food, housing, child care, employment, health care, financial education services, free tax preparation, senior care, substance abuse, mental health, crisis counseling, legal matters and volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region is a vital resource also functioning to assist businesses, support human resource departments, hospital social workers and individuals new to the community who are

seeking information about what the region has to offer; and

WHEREAS, With a total of 12,528 calls for the year 2014, the number of United Way 2-1-1 calls received from the 12 counties that make up the Northeast Region include: Albany-5,327; Columbia-149; Fulton-102; Greene-173; Hamilton-17; Montgomery-145; Rensselaer-859; Saratoga-928; Schenectady-2,777; Schoharie-57; Warren-214; and Washington-203; and

WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region maintains a database of more than 5,000 agencies and programs in the 12 counties; and

WHEREAS, The top reasons for the United Way 2-1-1 calls, excluding referrals to other 2-1-1 systems, include: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), Food Pantries, Utility Assistance, Undesignated Temporary Financial Assistance, Rent Payment Assistance, Homeless Shelter/Emergency Shelter, General Legal Aid, Holiday Gifts/Toys, Housing Search Assistance, and Case/Care Management; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 11, 2015, as United Way 2-1-1 Northeast Region Day; 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.