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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 3, 2015, as Early Childhood Education Advocacy Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, New York State has long been committed to meeting the educational needs of all its children; and

WHEREAS, It is increasingly being recognized that a strong early education helps to provide the educational foundation which is of paramount importance to the health, well-being, and development of children; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 3, 2015, as Early Childhood Education Advocacy Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In today's economy, when having both parents in the workforce is an economic necessity for many families, there is a vital need for affordable, high-quality early childhood opportunities; early childhood care and education is not a side issue, or a women's issue, and must become a national priority; and

WHEREAS, The state's youngest children are more likely than ever to be living in poverty, and it is more urgent now to invest in expanding quality early learning opportunities to keep children learning and parents earning; and

WHEREAS, Investments in quality pre-kindergarten and child care enable children to learn the social, emotional, physical and cognitive skills they need to function as good citizens, good workers, and good parents; and

WHEREAS, In addition, children who receive a high quality early childhood education are more likely to graduate from high school, attend college and earn higher wages over their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, During the first five years of life, the brain is developing at a rapid speed, and the foundation for all of life's learning is established at this time; children require optimal care, education and stimulation to build the brain's capacity to learn throughout the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent that we increase resources that will provide for our youngest citizens, enabling them to grow to create, develop and implement the ideas that will sustain our communities, state, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, By focusing on the importance of high quality early childhood education, child care, and parent support programs, facilities and staff, participation in Early Childhood Education Advocacy Day represents a worthy commitment to our children's future and encourages improvement in the quality and availability of programs and services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 3, 2015, as Early Childhood Education Advocacy Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, and the Child Care Resources of Rockland, Inc.