

## 2015-J384

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing Tuesday, February 10, 2015, as Create Hope for a Cancer-Free World Day, and paying tribute to cancer patients, survivors and their families, and remembering those people who have been lost to cancer

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize Tuesday, February 10, 2015, as Create Hope for a Cancer-Free World Day, and to pay tribute to cancer patients, survivors and their families, and remember those people who have been lost to cancer; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 107,840 New Yorkers will be diagnosed with cancer in 2015; and

WHEREAS, There are over 908,000 cancer survivors in New York State; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, 14 years ago, many of these voices joined together to form a nationwide grassroots movement called the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, an organization united and relentless in pursuit of its mission to defeat cancer by working with lawmakers to create hope for those affected by cancer; and

WHEREAS, Cancer patients face countless hurdles associated with their diagnoses including physical, emotional, financial, and day-to-day challenges; and

WHEREAS, People without access to quality, affordable health care are significantly more likely to be diagnosed with advanced-stage cancer, resulting in significantly worse health outcomes for low-income and uninsured cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, The five-year survival rate for cancer is 68%, up from 49% nearly 40 years ago due to cancer research as well as lifesaving cancer prevention, screening, early detection and treatment programs; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to preserve the quality of life and dignity

of all people who have struggled with cancer and who often feel isolated, stigmatized and misunderstood; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers and members of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network work diligently every day to advocate on behalf of cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers so that one day cancer will be eliminated as a major public health issue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize Tuesday, February 10, 2015, as Create Hope for a Cancer-Free World Day, and to pay tribute to cancer patients, survivors and their families, and remember those people who have been lost to cancer; 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.