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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 8-14, 2015, as NO MORE Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, NO MORE is a movement created to raise awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence; under the able leadership of its Ambassador AnnaLynne McCord, NO MORE is working diligently to end these serious issues; and

WHEREAS, Conceived in 2009, NO MORE was established in March of 2013, and is supported by hundreds of domestic violence and sexual assault organizations at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, The NO MORE movement was created to normalize discussions about domestic violence and sexual assault issues, and open up dialogues to individuals suffering from these traumatic problems; studies show these issues are rarely brought up or discussed, and many individuals do not come forward to speak about their concerns; the NO MORE movement encourages change and strives to make victims feel they can speak up freely; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by Christine Mau, a survivor of sexual assault and domestic violence, the NO MORE movement's symbol, which is meant to resemble a blue vanishing point, looks like a zero to portray the desire to have zero acts of domestic violence and sexual assault in the United States; those individuals and organizations who support NO MORE use this same blue symbol to raise awareness for the cause; and

WHEREAS, The NO MORE movement aspires to be universal with the confidence that organizations and corporations across the country will make the movement's symbol part of their own, and social media outlets will boast of its mission as a worthy cause; and

WHEREAS, The NO MORE movement asks those who wish to join to take a pledge which includes: learning about the issues and talking openly

about them, supporting survivors, speaking up and prohibiting the use of language which is derogatory against women and eliminating blaming of the victim, as well as donating time and money to the cause; and

WHEREAS, Today, the State of New York has 23 different organizations who are allies of the NO MORE movement; and

WHEREAS, Sexual assault and domestic violence create both visible and invisible scars which continue to haunt victims of all ages years after these horrific events take place; and

WHEREAS, Awareness of what constitutes sexual assault and domestic violence and what resources are available to victims is essential in strengthening the partnership between communities, crisis centers, and law enforcement agencies in the fight against sexual assault and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Sexual assault and domestic violence are horrendous acts of crime which deserve the attention of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 8-14, 2015, as NO MORE Week 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 AnnaLynne McCord, Ambassador, NO MORE movement.