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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2015 as Certified Government Financial Manager Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The Empire State recognizes the work carried out by capable and efficient government accountability professionals who are dedicated to sound financial management practices and the wise use of public funds and economic resources; and

WHEREAS, The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) represents a network of 15,000 members in 100 chapters in the United States and Pacific Rim employed as public and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers; and

WHEREAS, The AGA New York Capital Chapter, New York City Chapter, and Rome Chapter members are vital and active components of the greater Association, with a network of approximately 500 members representing state, federal, municipal, and private sector professionals in the State; and

WHEREAS, Upholding AGA's mission of advancing government accountability, the New York Capital Chapter, New York City Chapter, and the Rome Chapter members continue educational efforts that emphasize high standards of conduct, honor, and character outlined in its Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, Members of the AGA New York Capital Chapter, the New York City Chapter, and the Rome Chapter also are making significant advances both in their professional abilities and service to the citizens of New York State, by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements, and fulfilling the requisite terms for continued certification and practices; and

WHEREAS, The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of

AGA reinforces high standards of professionalism and competency by ensuring that CGFM candidates have appropriate educational and employment history, abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, and complete a three-part examination requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting; and

WHEREAS, CGFM holders must maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body finds it is fitting to applaud the valuable contributions of those working in the government financial management community, as during this month-long observance we join to recognize the many outstanding individuals who comprise these proud ranks of service and who fulfill their professional responsibilities with a high degree of integrity, efficiency, and accountability to the greater public; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2015 as Certified Government Financial Manager Month 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.