

## 2015-J1555

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 1, 2015, as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Approximately 20,000 children under the age of 14 suffer from motor vehicle-related pedestrian injuries every year, and more than half of those injuries require hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, Many of these injuries could be avoided if children had proper road-safety education and did not choose to cross streets or use intersections unsupervised; and

WHEREAS, Crossing Guards are a vital and integral part of our educational system and of the daily lives of children all across the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Crossing Guards are responsible for safely crossing children both prior to and at the conclusion of each school day; and

WHEREAS, Parents and schools entrust Crossing Guards with the lives and well-being of their children; the Crossing Guard's primary responsibility is to see that elementary school age children cross the street in marked crosswalks and in a manner which provides for their maximum safety; and

WHEREAS, Crossing Guards also instruct children on how to cross a street safely when they are alone or an adult is not available to assist them, whether there is or is not a crossing light; and

WHEREAS, Crossing Guards do an outstanding job of protecting children from the hazards of crossing the street, including the busy intersections of the State's largest and busiest cities, including New York City; and

WHEREAS, Crossing Guards are a welcome and familiar part of a child's day; many know the name of every child who walks through their station,

as well as the names of their parents or caretakers; and

WHEREAS, With great pride, the Crossing Guards of New York State have maintained a perfect record of crossing children to and from school, in all types of weather, during the school year; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to acknowledge and express appreciation for the labors of these dedicated individuals whose contribution to the protection of our children, though not often recognized, is significant; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to warmly acknowledge, commend and salute the Crossing Guards of New York State for their devotion to and care of our children, our most precious resource, throughout the year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 1, 2015, as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day 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.