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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2015, as Asthma Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious illnesses that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2015, as Asthma Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Asthma Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Asthma is a chronic disease of the lungs; it causes the airways to swell and get narrow and leads to wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, and coughing; more than 1.1 million adults have asthma in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Asthma occurs at any age but is more common in children than adults; nationally, nearly one in 13 school-age children have asthma, and that rate is rising more rapidly in preschool-aged children and those living in urban inner cities than in any other group; and

WHEREAS, Although there is no cure for asthma, asthma attacks can be prevented and controlled with proper care; and

WHEREAS, New York is actively working with health care providers, community coalitions, schools, families and many others to fight asthma so people with asthma can live a full and active life; and

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency's Communities in Action Asthma Initiative supports local programs working to help people in their communities bring asthma under control; and

WHEREAS, An important part of this Initiative is raising awareness that asthma is a serious, sometimes life-threatening chronic disease

that can be controlled; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2015, as Asthma Awareness 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.