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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 2015 as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 2015 as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, More prevalent than breast or prostate cancers, brain aneurysms affect about two percent of the United States population, and approximately three to six million people go about their daily lives living with an undetected brain aneurysm; and

WHEREAS, Sometimes referred to as a cerebral or intracranial aneurysm, a brain aneurysm is a weak bulging spot on the wall of a brain artery; there are two types: fusiform and saccular, which is the most common and is also known as a berry aneurysm because of its shape; and

WHEREAS, Brain aneurysms form silently from continuous wear and tear on the arterial walls over an extended period of time; this constant stress to the artery wall can sometimes, but not always, lead to hemorrhaging, causing severe damage or death; and

WHEREAS, Occurring in people of all ages, brain aneurysms are most common in people ages 35 to 60 and women are more susceptible than men; they are usually diagnosed in the third or fourth decade of someone's life and are rare in childhood and adolescence; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous factors that contribute to the formation of brain aneurysms, including smoking, hypertension, injury, infection, inherited tendency, and the use of alcohol and oral contraceptives; and

WHEREAS, Although people with undetected brain aneurysms may have headaches, this is often not associated with the actual aneurysm; most

people are completely asymptomatic and have no symptoms, while others may experience some or all of the following symptoms: cranial nerve palsy, dilated pupils, double vision, pain above and behind the eye and localized headache; and

WHEREAS, When a brain aneurysm ruptures, it causes bleeding into the compartment surrounding the brain, the subarachnoid space, causing a subarachnoid hemorrhage, which often heals over, bleeding stops, and the person survives; in more serious cases, the bleeding may cause brain damage with paralysis or coma and in the most severe cases, the bleeding leads to death; and

WHEREAS, The incidence of subarachnoid hemorrhage from a ruptured brain aneurysm is about 12/100,000 and the annual prevalence of aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage in the United States exceeds 30,000 people; and

WHEREAS, People who suffer a ruptured brain aneurysm, or subarachnoid hemorrhage, will often have warning signs, including localized headache, nausea and vomiting, stiff neck, blurred or double vision, sensitivity to light and loss of sensation; and

WHEREAS, People who have been diagnosed with a brain aneurysm in the United States and those who reside in the State of New York, and have survived a ruptured aneurysm need support and help to get through this frightening and extremely unsettling experience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 2015 as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month 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 the Brain Aneurysm Foundation.