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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2015 as Alzheimer's and Brain 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 issues 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, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2015 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a slow, progressive disorder of the brain that results in loss of memory and other cognitive function and, eventually death; this disease accounts for 60%-80% of cases of dementia; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated by 2050, there will be as many as 16 million Americans diagnosed with Alzheimer's; the cost of caring for those with Alzheimer's and other dementia is estimated to rise to \$1.1 trillion by mid-century; currently, the cost for caring for someone with Alzheimer's or another dementia is \$226 billion; and

WHEREAS, Nearly one in every three seniors dies from Alzheimer's or another form of dementia each year; it is time to shine a light on the millions of individuals, their families and caregivers who are affected by Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month is held in recognition of all those struggling with this devastating disease; 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 June 2015 as Alzheimer's and Brain 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.