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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 26, 2015, as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, All individuals, including those with disabilities, should be guaranteed the right to be productive members of our communities and influence control and choice over their own lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 26, 2015, as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, On July 26, 1990, United States President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law and ended discrimination against and provided equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in employment, education, government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities and transportation; and

WHEREAS, The ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, Today, we must continue to strive to overcome societal differences and to promote competence, strength and individual worth; and

WHEREAS, All citizens shall come together to honor New Yorkers with disabilities by educating themselves on ways to support and encourage the understanding of individuals with disabilities in our schools, within our workforce and in all communities; and

WHEREAS, Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day is a day for all New Yorkers to come together and celebrate and recognize the progress of ADA, reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion, and recommitting their efforts to reach full ADA compliance; now, there-

fore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 26, 2015, as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day in the State of New York, recognizing that all people, including those living with disabilities, have the right, responsibility and ability to be active, contributing members of our society and fully engaged as citizens; 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.