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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 24, 2015, as Horse Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Horse Day

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of the contribution of horses to the economy, history, and character of the State of New York; 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 October 24, 2015, as Horse Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Horse Day; and

WHEREAS, The sound is unmistakable: the thundering hooves of a running horse; horses have been racing across the landscape for more than 50 million years, much longer than our own species has existed; but once horses and humans encountered each other, our two species became powerfully linked; and

WHEREAS, Humans domesticated horses some 6,000 years ago, and over time, we have created more than 200 breeds, from the powerful Clydesdale to the graceful Arabian; and

WHEREAS, As we have shaped horses to suit our needs on battlefields, farms, horse racing, pleasure riding and horse showing, these animals have shaped human history; and

WHEREAS, In addition, horses have captured our imagination and our hearts; millions of people rely on horses as their spirited, dedicated, much adored companions; and

WHEREAS, On the fifth anniversary of the first official National Horse Day, horse enthusiasts are encouraged to celebrate the horse's contrib-

ution to the United States; and

WHEREAS, The horse is a living link to the history of the United States; without horses, the economy, history, and character of the United States would be profoundly different; and

WHEREAS, Horses continue to permeate the society of the United States, as witnessed on movie screens, on open land, and in our own backyards; they are a vital part of the collective experience of the United States and deserve protection and compassion; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Horse Council, there are 9.2 million horses in the United States, and 4.6 million Americans are involved in the industry as horse owners and service providers; and

WHEREAS, Due to the increased pressure from modern society, wild and domestic horses rely on humans for adequate food, water, and shelter; and

WHEREAS, The Congressional Horse Caucus estimates that the horse industry contributes well over 100,000,000,000 dollars each year to the economy of the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 24, 2015, as Horse Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Horse Day; 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.