

## 2015-K862

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 2016 as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Cervical Cancer Awareness Month is an effort to encourage and promote the efforts of people and health care practitioners in the State of New York to increase awareness about cervical cancer, including the early detection, prevention, risk factors, and early warning symptoms and signs of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Cervical cancer is the second-leading cancer among women worldwide, affecting an estimated 470,000 worldwide resulting in 253,000 deaths annually; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, the American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that approximately 11,150 cases of cervical cancer will be diagnosed, and approximately 3,670 women will die from cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists estimates that in New York State approximately 1,000 women are newly diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer and approximately 300 women die from the disease each year; and

WHEREAS, Cervical cancer is almost 100% curable if diagnosed and treated early; it is one of the most successfully treatable cancers with a five-year survival rate of 95%; and

WHEREAS, Invasive cervical cancer is almost totally preventable by routine screening; the high incidence of death from cervical cancer is due mainly to a lack of access leading to the early detection procedures available to women; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that all women who have reached 21 years of age, and those who are or have been sexually active regardless of age, should be screened regularly for cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, Spreading the awareness about cervical cancer would increase the chances of survival; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2005, New York became the 33rd State, as part of the Women In Government's Challenge to Eliminate Cervical Cancer

Campaign, to enact legislation that aims to prevent and ultimately eliminate cervical cancer; 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 to support the patients as well as their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 2016 as Cervical Cancer 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.