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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 22, 2016, as Diabetes Alert Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of health 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, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 22, 2016, as Diabetes Alert Day in the State of New York in conjunction with the observance of National Diabetes Alert Day; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes is a metabolic disease in which the body's inability to produce any or enough insulin causes elevated levels of glucose in the blood; nearly 30 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes, with 1.4 million Americans diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, A true epidemic, 29.1 million Americans, or 9.3 percent of the population, have diabetes; 1.4 million Americans aged 20 years or older are newly diagnosed with diabetes each year, which means 3,835 individuals are diagnosed each day, or one every 23 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Individuals age 65 years or older make up 11.2 million of those Americans suffering with diabetes; that is 25.9 percent of all people in this age group; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, approximately 208,000 people younger than 20 years have diabetes (type one or type two); this represents .25 percent of all people in this age group, or about one in 400; 18,436 youth are newly diagnosed with type one diabetes annually, as well as 5,089 newly diagnosed with type two diabetes annually; and

WHEREAS, The prevalence of diagnosed diabetes in the United States has increased by 128 percent from 1988 to 2008, and if this trend continues,

as many as one in three American adults will have diabetes in 2050; and WHEREAS, Diabetes is the primary cause of death for 69,071 Americans each year, and contributes to the death of 234,051 Americans annually; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state and national levels to improve health and healthcare outcomes for those affected by diabetes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 22, 2016, as Diabetes Alert Day 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.