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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2016 as Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases 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, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2016 as Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases can affect a single cell or more than one component of the system and are hereditary or genetic defects which can affect anyone, regardless of age or sex; and

WHEREAS, The severity of these diseases range from mild to serious and in some cases, can be recurrent and may require proper medical care in order to enable patients to live full and independent lives; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization recognizes more than 150 primary immunodeficiency diseases which infect the skin, sinuses, ears, lungs, brain and intestinal tract, and today affect over 250,000 Americans; and

WHEREAS, Public support is required in order to have full understanding of Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases; awareness is also needed in order to find cures in a timely manner, and to develop and make life-saving therapies accessible to all those affected by these diseases; and

WHEREAS, The Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF) is committed to improving the diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life for those

affected with Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases by conducting thorough research, providing the education necessary, and through advocacy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2016 as Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases 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, and to the Immune Deficiency Foundation.