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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 11-13, 2016, as Global Youth Service Days in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 11-13, 2016, as Global Youth Service Days in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) celebrates and mobilizes the millions of young people who improve their communities each day of the year through service; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1988, GYSD is celebrated each year in over 100 countries, with young people working together, and with schools, youth organizations, nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations, national service programs, government agencies, and adult mentors, to address the world's most critical issues and change their communities; and

WHEREAS, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth; and

WHEREAS, Global Youth Service Day is a campaign sponsored every year by YSA (Youth Service America), a youth organization based in Washington, D.C.; this vital group is an international leader in the youth service movement; and

WHEREAS, GYSD encourages youth to find a SPARK (something that motivates and excites them), invites them to figure out what issues or problems they are passionate about, and challenges them to design a project/solution that addresses the identified community need; and

WHEREAS, Global Youth Service Day provides a platform for our youth to volunteer and serve our communities; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that youths across New York State take part

in this day by giving back to their respective communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 11-13, 2016, as Global Youth Service Days 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.