

## 2015-J4453

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 13-19, 2016, as Flood Safety Awareness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 13-19, 2016, as Flood Safety Awareness Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Flood Safety Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has named March 13-19, 2016, as National Flood Safety Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, Floods can happen anytime, anywhere and without warning; and

WHEREAS, Flooding creates emergencies of great concern to New York State, with imminent threat to life and property, and causes hundreds of millions of dollars in damage to homes, businesses and local government infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, A large number of communities across New York State suffered major flooding in 2011 as a result of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, causing millions of dollars in damages and leading to the loss of homes, properties, public infrastructure, businesses and income; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and families are still, to this day, struggling to recover after having lost everything in the floods; and

WHEREAS, Damage from a flood is not normally covered under a standard homeowners policy, and residents need to review their homeowners policies and consider their risks for flooding and the need for flood insurance; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body concurs that a public that is well-informed of the dangers associated with flooding can improve its preparedness and reduce the occurrence of death, injury and property damage as a

result of severe flooding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 13-19, 2016, as Flood Safety Awareness Week 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.