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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 1, 2016, as Law Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of the laws which 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 Sunday, May 1, 2016, as Law Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Law Day; and

WHEREAS, For over two centuries, our State and Nation have adhered to the rule of law as the foundation for a safe, free, and just society; seeking to formally recognize this tradition, President Eisenhower established Law Day in 1958, as "a day of national dedication to the principles of government under the law"; and

WHEREAS, Law Day is a day for all New Yorkers to reflect on the role of law in the foundation of our country and to recognize the importance of laws and the legal process in contributing to the freedoms in which all Americans share; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this important occasion asks citizens of the great State of New York to focus upon their rights as laid out in the fundamental documents of American democracy: the Declaration of Independence and the Federal Constitution; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body celebrates the importance of Law Day in the State of New York; in doing so, we, as citizens, of this great State and this Nation, recommit ourselves to the rule of law and to upholding the fundamental principles enshrined in our founding documents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim Sunday, May 1, 2016, as Law 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.