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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 27, 2016, as Heat Awareness Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks that are set aside to increase awareness of areas of concern 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 May 27, 2016, as Heat Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Heat Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, National Heat Awareness Day is observed each year on the last Friday in May to highlight the numerous health problems and fatalities caused each year by exposure to excessive heat, one of the leading weather related killers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, massive temperature rises have resulted in a multitude of deaths including the over 700 people who died during the 1995 Chicago Heat Wave, and the 2003 heat wave in Europe which claimed an estimated 50,000 lives; and

WHEREAS, Most Americans experience summer heat waves as a combination of high temperatures and high humidity, however some of the worst heat waves have been dry; and

WHEREAS, The National Weather Service issues a number of advisories during times of high temperatures including Excessive Heat Outlooks, Excessive Heat Watches, and Excessive Heat Warnings/Advisories; and

WHEREAS, After heat advisories are issued, New Yorkers can take such precautions as staying hydrated and avoiding alcohol and caffeinated drinks, as well as avoiding over exertion and finding a cool place to stay indoors ; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this important issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and National levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 27, 2016, as Heat Awareness 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.