

## 2015-J5003

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 14, 2016, as Train Day in the State of New York in conjunction with the observance of National Train Day

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those noteworthy organizations within the United States and this great Empire State whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; 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 14, 2016, as Train Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Train Day

WHEREAS, Celebrated annually on the Saturday closest to May 10th, National Train Day is a holiday started by Amtrak in 2008, as a method to teach the general public about the advantages of rail travel and the history of trains; events are held at Amtrak stations as well as railroad museums throughout the country where the public can view passenger cars and model railroad layouts on display; and

WHEREAS, In addition, many local train clubs host various events and activities to commemorate this special occasion; and

WHEREAS, A form of rail transport, trains are categorized by how their locomotives are powered, their use, and by the design of their tracks; today's trains can transport both cargo and passengers to their destinations at a top speed of 350 mph; and

WHEREAS, National Train Day marks 147 years of connecting travelers coast to coast; on May 10, 1869, in Promontory, Utah, the "golden spike" was driven into the final tie that joined 1,776 miles of the Central Pacific and Union Pacific railways, transforming America by creating the

Nation's first transcontinental railroad; and

WHEREAS, This monumental event united the country and provided adventure for businessmen who saw fortunes to be made, created jobs for thousands of Americans, and sparked the creative imaginations of storytellers in songs, movies, and novels; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body commends Railroads nationwide for their excellence and for their commitment and contributions to the communities they have so ably served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 14, 2016, as Train Day in the State of New York in conjunction with the observance of National Train Day; 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.