

## 2015-J5010

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 4, 2016, as Star Wars 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 creative talents that have contributed immensely to the entertainment and the enrichment of the lives of citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 4, 2016, as Star Wars Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Star Wars Day; and

WHEREAS, Each year, on May 4, Star Wars Day is celebrated by thousands of Star War enthusiasts with parties and events around the Nation; the famous movie phrase "May the Force Be With You," is often reinterpreted as "May the Fourth Be With You"; and

WHEREAS, The etymology of the phrase surprisingly was not introduced by Star Wars fans; and

WHEREAS, On May 4, 1979, Margaret Thatcher was elected as Britain's first female Prime Minister, and an advertisement was placed in THE LONDON EVENING NEWS which read "May the Fourth Be With You, Maggie. Congratulations"; and

WHEREAS, Another origin of the reinterpreted phrase came during a 2005 interview of Star Wars creator, George Lucas, on a German news television channel; he was asked about the famous phrase, and in translation, the phrase became "On May 4 We Are With You"; and

WHEREAS, Star Wars Day celebrates the arts of our Nation, honors our artists, and expresses our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate Star Wars Day, we celebrate and give thanks to

our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 4, 2016, as Star Wars 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.