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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 15-21, 2016, as Hurricane Preparedness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Hurricane season officially begins on June 1st and ends on November 30th; and

WHEREAS, The 127 miles of New York coastline along the Atlantic Ocean are most vulnerable during the months of August, September, October, and November; and

WHEREAS, The devastating impact of hurricanes have taken a financial, physical and emotional toll on the citizenry of New York State in recent years; and

WHEREAS, On August 21, 2011, Hurricane Irene tragically made landfall in the State of New York, causing over \$296 million in damages and 10 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, On October 27, 2012, one of the darkest times in our State's history, Hurricane Sandy made landfall in the State of New York, causing over \$18 billion in damages and 53 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, Both public and private entities have worked to develop emergency response and recovery plans in accordance with local jurisdictions and local emergency management offices to protect our State's communities and constituency; and

WHEREAS, The best defense is preparedness and public education about the dangers of high winds, storm surge, and flooding that may occur in conjunction with a hurricane; and

WHEREAS, The National Weather Service has designated the week of May 15, 2016, as National Hurricane Preparedness Week; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 15-21, 2016, as

Hurricane Preparedness 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.