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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2016 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; 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 June 2016 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a slow, progressive disorder of the brain that results in loss of memory and other cognitive function and, eventually death; this disease accounts for 60%-80% of cases of dementia; and

WHEREAS, Every 66 seconds, someone in the United States develops the disease, for which there are no robust treatments or cures and is ultimately fatal; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated by 2050, there will be as many as 16 million Americans diagnosed with Alzheimer's; the cost of caring for those with Alzheimer's and other dementia is estimated to rise to \$1.1 trillion by mid-century; the cost for caring for someone with Alzheimer's or another dementia is \$236 billion; and

WHEREAS, Nearly one in every three seniors die from Alzheimer's or another form of dementia each year; it is time to shine a light on the millions of individuals, their families and caregivers who are affected by Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, There are 390,000 New Yorkers with Alzheimer's currently, with over 1,021,000 Alzheimer's caregivers in New York providing

1,163,000,000 hours of unpaid care valued at more than \$14.2 billion;

and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the U.S. and the fifth-leading cause of death for those age 65 and older; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month is held in recognition of all those facing this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS, June 20th is Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Day, on which there will be awareness events held throughout New York and all New Yorkers are encouraged to wear purple to acknowledge the Alzheimer's Association effort to create a dementia capable and dementia friendly New York; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this public health crisis, 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 June 2016 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the State of New York, and to further recognize June 20th as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.