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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 3, 2016, as Inflammatory Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Inflammatory Breast Cancer Awareness Day

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days set aside to increase awareness of serious issues 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, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 3, 2016, as Inflammatory Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Inflammatory Breast Cancer Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, Fighting 4 the Tatas Breast Cancer Organization, a non-profit organization which uses humor to further its cause, is joined by the Inflammatory Breast Cancer (IBC) Research Foundation; the IBC Foundation, and its founder Patti Bradfield; and Massimo Cristofanilli, M.D., FACP Professor of Medicine, and Associate Director of Translational Research and Precision Medicine Department of Medicine-Hematology and Oncology at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center Feinberg School of Medicine to raise awareness about this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, IBC is an extremely rare, advanced and accelerated form of breast cancer usually not detected by mammograms or ultrasounds; this form of breast cancer requires immediate aggressive treatment with chemotherapy prior to surgery and is treated differently than more common types of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, With a 40% to 50% survival rate, IBC is a much higher-mortality disease with a high risk of recurrence in the first two to three

years; it is almost always fatal within 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Inflammatory breast cancer usually grows in nests or sheets, and it presents itself with redness and swelling, rather than a solid tumor, so it can spread throughout the breast without a detectable lump; and

WHEREAS, An early diagnosis and quick initiation of treatment improves the chances of long-term survival; and

WHEREAS, While young women are at a lower risk for breast cancer, even teenagers have been diagnosed with IBC; and

WHEREAS, Knowing the signs of IBC, receiving a correct diagnosis, and quick treatment are critical to successfully treating this type of breast cancer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 3, 2016, as Inflammatory Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Inflammatory Breast Cancer 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, Fighting 4 the Tatas Breast Cancer Organization; Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Foundation; Patti Bradfield, Founder, the IBC Foundation; and Massimo Cristofanilli, M.D., FACP.