

## 2015-K1515

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 13 - 17, 2016, as School Crossing Guard Recognition Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, School Crossing Guards are a vital and integral part of our education system and of the daily lives of children all across the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Parents, guardians and schools entrust school crossing guards with the lives and well-being of their children; and

WHEREAS, The School Crossing Guard's primary responsibility is to see that elementary school children cross the street in marked crosswalks and in a manner which provides for their maximum safety; and

WHEREAS, School Crossing Guards also instruct children on how to cross a street safely when they are alone or an adult is not available to assist them, both when there is or is not a crossing light; and

WHEREAS, School Crossing Guards do an outstanding job of protecting children from the hazards of crossing the street, including the intersections of the State's largest and busiest cities, such as New York City; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 11,000 pedestrians under the age of 14 were injured by motor vehicles in 2011; many of these injuries could be avoided if children had proper road-safety education and supervision; and

WHEREAS, School Crossing Guards are a welcome and familiar part of a child's day; many know the name of every child who walks through their station, as well as the names of their parents or caretakers; and

WHEREAS, With great pride, the School Crossing Guards of New York State are dedicated to safely crossing children to and from school, in all types of weather; and

WHEREAS, The New York City Local 372 Chapter of AFSCME represents School Crossing Guards; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to acknowledge and express appreciation for the labors of these dedicated individuals whose contribution to the protection of our children, though not often recognized, is significant; and

WHEREAS, As the closing of the school year approaches, it is an appropriate time to warmly acknowledge, commend and salute the School Crossing Guards of New York State for their constant devotion to and care of our children, our most precious resource and the future of New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 13 - 17, 2016, as School Crossing Guard Recognition 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.