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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim November 2016, as Alzheimer's Disease 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 health 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 November 2016, Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disorder that attacks the brain and results in disorientation, with impaired memory, thinking, and judgment; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, an estimated 5.4 million people are living with Alzheimer's disease and unless something is done to change the trajectory of the disease, as many as 16 million Americans will have Alzheimer's by 2050; and

WHEREAS, In New York State, an estimated 320,000 Empire State residents are living with Alzheimer's disease, and an estimated 350,000 New York residents will have Alzheimer's disease by 2025; and

WHEREAS, The national cost of caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias is estimated to total over \$200 billion in 2016 and is projected to increase to \$1.1 trillion per year; and

WHEREAS, In New York State, approximately 994,540 people serve as unpaid caregivers to individuals with Alzheimer's disease providing \$13.45 billion dollars in uncompensated care; and

WHEREAS, New York State must support policies that encourages early detection of Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, New York State policy must support community based outreach and education services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health disease, and more must be done to increase activity at the State, local and national levels to support the patients as well as their caregivers and families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim November 2016, as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month 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.