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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2016, as LGBT Pride Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, New York State's diversity is one of our greatest strengths; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) people have made important and lasting contributions to our great State and Nation in every field of endeavor including business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, music, philanthropy, sports, arts, and culture that enrich our national life; and

WHEREAS, LGBT New Yorkers also mobilized the State and Nation to respond to the domestic HIV/AIDS epidemic and have played a vital role in broadening this country's response to the global HIV pandemic; and

WHEREAS, LGBT people come from all walks of life, regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, economic status, physical or mental ability, medical condition, sex, gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, Each year in June marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion which took place on June 28, 1969; this event is widely considered to constitute the single most important event leading to the LGBT liberation movement and the modern-day fight for LGBT rights in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The event inspired LGBT people throughout the country to organize in support of LGBT rights and, within two years, LGBT rights groups have started in nearly every major city; and

WHEREAS, As a result of legislation passed by this chamber, Christopher Park, a New York City park located across from the Stonewall Inn and that played host to some of the Rebellion's activity, will be transferred to the federal government to be named the first national monument

to LGBT rights; and

WHEREAS, LGBT New Yorkers, their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and equality celebrate during the month of June the rich culture, the notable achievements, and the outstanding services that LGBT New Yorkers make to our great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2016, as LGBT Pride 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.