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Senate Resolution No. 582

BY: Senator PARKER

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
February 12-18, 2017, as Children of Alcoholics Week  
in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize  
official weeks 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, this Legislative Body is proud to proclaim  
February 12-18, 2017, as Children of Alcoholics Week in the State of New  
York, in conjunction with the observance of National Children of  
Alcoholics Week, led by the National Association for Children of  
Alcoholics; and

WHEREAS, Children of Alcoholics Week celebrates the recovery of the  
many thousands of children who have received the help they needed to  
recover from the pain and loss suffered in their childhood, and offers  
hope to all those still suffering; and

WHEREAS, The National Association for Children of Alcoholics states  
that preschool children of alcoholics have poorer language skills and  
school-age children of alcoholics are at risk for being worried,  
distracted and absent; all of these children may be at a greater risk of

both mental and physical health risks; and

WHEREAS, Children of Alcoholics Week calls attention to the one in four children under the age of 18 who are exposed to parents or other family members who suffer from alcoholism; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this important issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state and national levels to reduce this serious issue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proclaim February 12-18, 2017, as Children of Alcoholics 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.