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Assembly Resolution No. 143

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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 3, 2017, as Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of 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 March 3, 2017, as Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer accounts for 1 in 4 cancer diagnoses among women in the United States and has directly or indirectly touched the lives of nearly every New York family; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancers are generally diagnosed based upon the presence, or lack thereof, of three "receptors" known to fuel most breast cancers: estrogen receptors, progesterone receptors and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2); the most successful

treatments for breast cancer target these receptors; and

WHEREAS, However, a diagnosis of Triple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC) means none of these receptors are present, causing the cancer to be immune to many common treatments; and

WHEREAS, TNBC occurs in about 10-20% of diagnosed breast cancers and is more likely to affect younger people, African-Americans, and those of Hispanic descent; and

WHEREAS, Early-stage detection of TNBC is critical to fighting this particularly aggressive form of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, The Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation has designated the third day in March as Triple Negative Breast Cancer Day, the only global event devoted to raising both awareness of TNBC and funds which provide critical support for research efforts for those affected by the disease; and

WHEREAS, In remembrance of the women who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this disease, it is appropriate to recognize Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Day in order to foster public awareness and understanding of this complex type of breast cancer and to encourage early detection and prompt treatment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 3, 2017, as

Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Day 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.