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Assembly Resolution No. 1422

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 2018, as Traffic Safety 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 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, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 2018, as Traffic Safety Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Move Over Law requires motorists to move over and change lanes to give safe clearance to law enforcement officers, firefighters, ambulances, utility workers, and in some cases, tow-truck drivers; these people are usually the first responders; and

WHEREAS, In the five years since the passage of the Move Over Law, more than 77,000 violation tickets have been issued; and

WHEREAS, There are over one hundred thousand unintentional traffic incidents in New York State; and

WHEREAS, There has been over a nine hundred percent increase in tickets issued due to distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, First responders are put in danger and sometimes hit with moving vehicles in the line of duty on roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, First responders and other highway service members put their lives at risk in order to maintain the safety and maintenance of our roads; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious issue to ensure the safety of our first responders as well as to improve road safety; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 2018, as Traffic Safety 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.