

## 2021-K298

Assembly Resolution No. 298

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
May 19, 2021, as Home Fire Sprinkler Awareness Day  
in the State of New York, in conjunction with the  
observance of National Home Fire Sprinkler Awareness  
Day

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize  
official days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues  
that affect the safety and health 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 May 19, 2021, as Home  
Fire Sprinkler Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction  
with the observance of National Home Fire Sprinkler Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, 142 civilians died in New York State from home  
fires, more than any other state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Due to the composition of today's construction material and  
furniture, a home fire has the potential to produce toxic fumes and  
become deadly in less than two minutes, the after effects of which are  
life-changing; and

WHEREAS, While residents should feel safe in their homes, it is also where they have the greatest risk of injury or death from fire; and

WHEREAS, Home fires also put the health of our firefighters at risk through exposure to airborne toxins and carcinogenic materials that can cause serious, long-term health problems for firefighters and, potentially, their families; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Fire Services' promotion of smoke alarms and other fire prevention methods have already helped to reduce fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, All New York residents are encouraged to educate themselves about the dangers of home fires, the unparalleled benefits of home fire sprinklers, and to embrace this technology in all newly built homes; and

WHEREAS, Combined with working smoke alarms and proper fire escape planning, fire sprinklers in all new homes can reverse the deadly impact of home fires; and

WHEREAS, By taking part in a national day of action, let us recognize that protecting newly built homes with fire sprinklers will make our future safer for residents, first responders, and entire communities for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 19, 2021, as Home Fire Sprinkler Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction

with the observance of National Home Fire Sprinkler Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of the Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.