

## 2021-K453

Assembly Resolution No. 453

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
September 2021, as Sepsis 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  
health issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize  
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 2021, as Sepsis Awareness  
Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of  
National Sepsis Month; and

WHEREAS, Sepsis is a life threatening response to infection, which  
causes tissue damage, organ failure, and death; severely restricted  
blood flow can contribute to the onset of septic shock, causing the  
formation of blood clots in organs throughout the body; typically, the  
body will release chemicals into the bloodstream to defend against  
infection; and

WHEREAS, This serious health issue occurs when the body's reaction  
is atypical, triggering alterations, which can cause significant damage  
to multiple organs; certain population groups are more vulnerable to  
developing sepsis, such as the young, elderly, individuals with chronic

illness, and those with compromised immune systems; and

WHEREAS, One out of three people will develop sepsis over their lifetime and 1.7 million more are diagnosed with this health condition annually; and

WHEREAS, 270,000 people die each year from sepsis and approximately 50,000 New Yorkers are affected by this condition, including New York State Senator Jose Peralta who died from sudden septic shock on November 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, National Sepsis Month is recognized throughout the United States each September; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative upon all residents of this great Empire State that attention be brought to this debilitating health condition affecting so many of our friends, family and neighbors in New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 2021, as Sepsis Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; Home Care Association of New York State; IPRO; Sepsis Alliance; and The Rory Staunton Foundation.