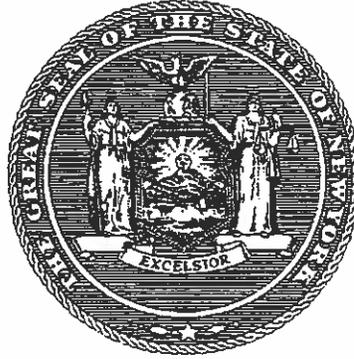


STATE OF NEW YORK



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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 8-14, 2011, as Williams Syndrome Awareness Week in the State of New York

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WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious medical 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 May 8-14, 2011, as Williams Syndrome Awareness Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Williams Syndrome is a genetic condition that is present at birth and affects 1 in 10,000 people worldwide; an estimated 20,000 to 30,000 people will be affected in the United States; it is known to occur equally in both males and females and in every culture; and

WHEREAS, Most young children with Williams Syndrome are described as having similar facial features characterized by a small upturned nose, long upper lip length, wide mouth, full lips, small chin, and puffiness around the eyes; facial features become more apparent with age; and

WHEREAS, Williams Syndrome is characterized by medical problems, including cardiovascular disease, developmental delays, and learning disabilities; these occur side by side with striking verbal abilities, highly social personalities and an affinity for music; and

WHEREAS, In addition, many individuals born with Williams Syndrome will suffer numerous other ailments including: elevated blood calcium levels (hypercalcemia); low birth-weight, low weight gain, feeding problems and colic during infancy; dental abnormalities; kidney abnormalities; sensitive hearing; musculoskeletal problems; and attention deficit disorder; and

WHEREAS, Unfortunately, most patients with Williams Syndrome will not live as long as normal, due to complications; about 75 percent of patients will have some mental retardation; and

WHEREAS, Children with Williams Syndrome need costly and ongoing medical care and early interventions such as speech or occupational therapy; as they grow, they struggle with spatial relations, numbers and abstract reasoning, which can make daily tasks a challenge; and

WHEREAS, As people with Williams Syndrome mature beyond the structure of school and family activities they often experience intense isolation which can lead to depression; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with Williams Syndrome are extremely sociable and experience the normal need to connect with others; however, they often do not process nuanced social cues and this makes it difficult to form lasting relationships; and

WHEREAS, As adults, most people with Williams Syndrome will need supportive housing to live to their fullest potential; moreover, most patients will require full-time caregivers and often live in supervised group homes; and

WHEREAS, Currently, there is no cure for Williams Syndrome and no known way to prevent the genetic problem that causes it; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state and national levels to support patients who are affected by Williams Syndrome as well as their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 8-14, 2011, as Williams Syndrome Awareness 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.

RESOLEG

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