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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare July 7-13, 2013, as Mobility Awareness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks 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 intent of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare July 7-13, 2013, as Mobility Awareness Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Mobility Awareness Week is to promote the recognition and understanding of the challenges people who must use wheelchairs face on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, Special Needs Lifeline is a New York State not-for-profit Corporation; its vision is to help as many people as possible through communication between the special needs community, world-wide, with New York City as the model for best services; and

WHEREAS, Its mission is to help people who are touched by a disability connect with each other to create positive change; and the goal at Special Needs Lifeline is to empower the community by informing and engaging them with the hope to improve; and

WHEREAS, Mobility Awareness Week strives for the proliferation of curb cuts, wheelchair heights at stores and supermarkets, handicapped parking spots, and handicapped accessible mass transit to accommodate friends and family; and

WHEREAS, The objective of Mobility Awareness Week is to bring more consideration and kindness for New York State's wheelchair users, and to provoke thoughts and consideration with regard to the public and private institutional deficiencies that impede their mobility; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare July 7-13, 2013, as Mobility Awareness Week 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; and Special Needs Lifeline.