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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 15-19, 2014, as Health Information Technology Week 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 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 September 15-19, 2014, as Health Information Technology Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of the 9th Annual National Health Information Technology Week; and

WHEREAS, National Health Information Technology Week is organized by the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) and is supported by corporate, association, and non-profit partners from around the country; last year, over 375 healthcare related organizations participated in National Health Information Technology Week 2012; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive health care reform is not possible without system-wide adoption of health information technology, which improves the quality of healthcare delivery, increases patient safety, decreases medical errors, and strengthens the interaction between patients and healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, With the "Meaningful Use" guidelines supported by the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program now providing the way forward, eligible providers and hospitals across the country increasingly understand the benefits for themselves and their patients, and are adopting Meaningful Use-compliant electronic health records; to date, New York's eligible providers and hospitals have

received a significant amount from the EHR Incentive Program; and
WHEREAS, It is imperative to acknowledge Health Information Technology
Week in the State of New York; it is also necessary to recognize the
many accomplishments that have already been attained in adopting health
information technology, and to increase public awareness about the bene-
fits of the improved quality and cost efficiency of the healthcare
system that the implementation of health information technology could
achieve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to
memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 15-19, 2014,
as Health Information Technology Week in the State of New York; and be
it further

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