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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 2014, as Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder Awareness Month in New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months set aside to increase awareness of serious disorders which affect the lives 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 October 2014, as Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder Awareness Month in New York; and

WHEREAS, Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder, characterized by a combination of inattentiveness, distractibility, hyperactivity, and impulsivity, which affects approximately 9.5 percent of children and 4.4 percent of adults; and

WHEREAS, Described as a persistent pattern of inattention or hyperactivity and impulsivity, those individuals with ADHD may also experience difficulties with executive function, focus, and working memory; and

WHEREAS, It is important to acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues relating to ADHD, as it is often accompanied by other mental health conditions such as anxiety, depression, or sleep disorders; and

WHEREAS, When ADHD goes unnoticed or untreated it can greatly affect one's ability to achieve academic or workplace success and also a person's ability to build close relationships with others; and

WHEREAS, Recognized nationwide as Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder Awareness Month, October is an important time to bring attention to such a costly and persistent medical condition; and

WHEREAS, Up to 50 percent of children eventually outgrow the condi-

tion, but even if they do, earlier developmental delays may create enduring learning problems; work, school, and managing household tasks can be very challenging for people with ADD and ADHD; and

WHEREAS, Fortunately, those affected by ADHD can learn coping skills to work around shortcomings and harness talents, just as many successful people with ADD and ADHD have done; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health disorder 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 proclaim October 2014, as Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder Awareness Month in 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.