

## 2015-K47

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 9, 2015, as Theatre Arts Day of Celebration in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to individuals and organizations that devote their time and energies to the cultural enrichment of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate those events of historical significance which add strength, vigor and inspiration to the cultural diversity and quality of life in the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of the Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 9, 2015, as Theatre Arts Day of Celebration in the State of New York in conjunction with the New York State Theatre Education Association's 2015 Student Conference to be held January 9-11, 2015, at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon, New York; and

WHEREAS, This valuable conference creates an opportunity for high school students from all over New York State to come together for a full weekend of learning and peer interaction; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, the high school students attend workshops given by colleges, universities, and other theatre professionals, as well as networking with one another and experiencing a variety of performances throughout the conference; and

WHEREAS, A strong, statewide organization of theatre educators, The New York State Theatre Association's mission is to advocate for Drama/Theater in New York State, and promote and support theatre education in grades K-12 for the betterment of youth and theatre itself; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Theatre Association believes theatre is an essential component of a pre-K-12 education for all students; today, studying theatre in schools develops abilities needed for the 21st century including critical thinking, problem solving skills, applications of technology, social responsibility, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the Annual Student Conference, the New York State Theatre Association provides resources to educators teaching theatre in the classroom, directing school drama and musical presentations; the association also hosts a conference for educators every fall; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 9, 2015, as Theatre Arts Day of Celebration 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, State of New York.