

## 2015-K170

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2015 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men and women, combined, in the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that in the year 2015, over 136,830 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In the year 2015, the disease is expected to kill an estimated 50,310 individuals in this country; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 4,700 men and almost 4,900 women in the State of New York will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in the year 2015; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1999, the United States Senate passed legislation declaring March 2000 as the first-ever National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, The Colon Cancer Alliance, Inc. (CCA) will continue working with Congress for coverage, education, and awareness so that colorectal cancer is detected early and lives are saved; and

WHEREAS, Screening for colorectal cancer is underutilized; less than 50 percent of individuals above age 50 receive annual screenings for colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, Regular screenings, which can detect polyps that lead to colorectal cancer, can save lives; and

WHEREAS, Education can help inform the public about methods of prevention, and about symptoms, to aid in early detection; and

WHEREAS, Adopting a healthy diet at a young age can significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York should help inform the public about colorectal cancer prevention and screening; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2015 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month 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 The Colon Cancer Alliance, Inc.