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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 14, 2015, as Pi Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 14, 2015, as Pi Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Pi Day; and WHEREAS, Pi Day is an annual celebration commemorating the mathematical constant Pi; and

WHEREAS, Pi Day is observed on March 14, or 3/14 in the month/day date format since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant digits of Pi in decimal form; and

WHEREAS, The earliest known official or large-scale celebration of Pi Day was organized by Larry Shaw in 1988, at the San Francisco Exploratorium where he worked as a physicist with staff and public marching around one of its circular spaces, then consuming fruit pies; and

WHEREAS, The Exploratorium continues to hold Pi Day celebrations; on March 12, 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a non-binding resolution recognizing March 14, 2009, as National Pi Day; and

WHEREAS, For Pi Day 2010, Google presented a Google Doodle celebrating the holiday, with the word Google laid over images of circles and pi symbols; the entire month of March 2014 (3/14) has been observed by some to be "Pi Month"; and

WHEREAS, Pi Day has been observed in many ways, including eating pie, throwing pies and discussing the significance of the number Pi; some schools hold competitions as to which student can recall Pi to the highest number of decimal places; and

WHEREAS, This year, Pi Day 2015 will have special significance on 3/14/15 at 9:26:53 a.m. and p.m., with the date and time representing the first 10 digits of Pi; that same second will also contain a precise

instant corresponding to all of the digits of Pi; for this reason, many are referring to it as Pi Day of the Century; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 14, 2015, as Pi Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Pi Day; 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.