

## 2015-J933

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 6, 2015, as a New York State Community School Day of Caring and Sharing to Help People in Need

WHEREAS, Located in every neighborhood of the State of New York, people in need of basic necessities are dependent upon the compassionate concern of those who are able to help; and

WHEREAS, For the past 28 years, a group of teachers from the Kenmore Town of Tonawanda and Clarence School Systems in Western New York have sponsored an annual Sleep-Out on the first Friday in February to call attention to the less fortunate in the Buffalo region; and

WHEREAS, This group of teachers, known as Educators Totally Committed, involves students in a socially relevant project which emphasizes a three-point program of awareness, commitment and action to raise funds to help organizations which care for the poor in the region; and

WHEREAS, Sleeping out means staying outdoors in cardboard refrigerator boxes and obtaining as many sponsors as possible for the 10-hour event; students from grades K-12 participate in a manner appropriate to their grade level from making contributions to actually sleeping out; and

WHEREAS, Volunteering promotes community solidarity; most importantly, people who contribute their time and talent to civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, When groups of people of all ages come together on a designated day, they can maximize the cumulative worldwide effect of helping people in their community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, children who learn these responsible social behaviors at an early age are likely to continue them into adulthood and will pass these values on to their own children and family, helping to create a better world for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 6, 2015, as a New York State Community School Day of Caring and Sharing to Help People in Need; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of New York State, and Educators Totally Committed.