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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 2015, as Juvenile Arthritis Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of residents of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 2015, as Juvenile Arthritis Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Juvenile Arthritis affects over 300,000 children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The most common symptom of Juvenile Arthritis is persistent joint swelling, pain of stiffness which is usually worse in the morning or after a nap; one of the earliest signs of this condition may be limping after getting up after sleeping; and

WHEREAS, Children afflicted with this condition suffer from an autoimmune form of arthritis, which is different from the aches and pains Senior Citizens typically experience; and

WHEREAS, The immune system of a child diagnosed with Juvenile Arthritis attacks their joints, causing swelling, stiffness and permanent damage, an extremely serious condition; if it is left untreated it can result in death; and

WHEREAS, Through public awareness, this Legislative Body seeks to minimize the devastating effects of Juvenile Arthritis among the young people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare July 2015, as Juvenile Arthritis Month in the State of New York, and to urge the residents of

this great Empire State to learn about the causes, symptoms, diagnoses and treatments; 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.