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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2016 as Limb Differences Awareness 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 citizens 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 April 2016 as Limb Differences Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Limbtastic! is a not-for-profit organization which seeks to raise awareness of limb differences; the dedicated staff of this vital group provides support, guidance and assistance to those born with a limb difference and their families; and

WHEREAS, Although Limbtastic! is based in New York, there are people who live with a limb difference throughout the globe; many of these individuals have differences with their upper limbs which are either rare, or undiagnosed, and simply labeled as a difference; and

WHEREAS, The basic definition of an upper limb difference is a condition, diagnosed or not, which affects the hands, fingers, arms, or shoulders; and

WHEREAS, Unfortunately, there is a lack of knowledge or understanding for these conditions, and often times these people are treated as if they are broken, unable, or different; they are far from being disabled, though they are differently-abled; and

WHEREAS, On April 16, 2016, Limbtastic! is hosting the very first Nationally recognized Limb Differences Awareness Walkathon at Babylon Town Hall Park, Lindenhurst, New York; during this incredible event, a

deejay will play music, and cotton candy, balloon animals, and face painting will be available for children; and

WHEREAS, In addition, April 18, 2016, has been designated as Wear Orange Day in celebration and understanding of Limb Differences; and

WHEREAS, The incredible staff at Limbtastic! hopes to achieve national recognition for this rare condition, and let these children know that they have the support, love and understanding of their fellow citizens across the Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo proclaim April 2016 as Limb Differences Awareness Month 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 of the State of New York.