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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2016, as Neurofibromatosis 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 disorders that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2016, as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis (NF), a debilitating disorder of the nervous system, causes tumors to form on the nerves anywhere in or on the body at any time; and

WHEREAS, NF affects more than 100,000 Americans and approximately 7,800 residents of New York State, more than Cystic Fibrosis and Muscular Dystrophy combined; the disorder affects all races, all ethnic groups and both sexes equally; and

WHEREAS, There are three distinct forms of Neurofibromatosis: NF1, NF2 and Schwannomatosis; and

WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis' symptoms include but are not limited to disfigurement, learning disabilities, brain tumors, blindness, deafness, epilepsy, scoliosis and cancer; and

WHEREAS, To date, there is no cure or effective treatment for Neurofibromatosis; and

WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis Northeast has worked for more than 25 years towards its mission to find the cure and treatment for NF by promoting and funding research, providing hope and support to NF patients and families, and creating awareness; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2016, as Neurofibromatosis 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.