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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 1-7, 2016, as Juror Appreciation Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize citizens of New York State who take the time to ensure the foundation of American Democracy; and

WHEREAS, The right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of American citizenship; and

WHEREAS, The obligation and privilege to serve as a juror are as fundamental to our democracy as the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, The right to trial by jury has its roots in English common law and was included in the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, The right to trial by jury was enshrined in the Constitution in Article 3 Section 2 as well as in the 6th Amendment of the Bill of Rights which guarantees the right to an impartial jury; and

WHEREAS, Service by citizens as jurors is indispensable to the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, All citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned for jury service; and

WHEREAS, A continuing and imperative goal for the courts, the bar, and the broader community is to ensure that jury selection and jury service are fair, effective, and not unduly burdensome on anyone; and

WHEREAS, One of the most significant actions a court system can take is to show appreciation for the jury system and for the hundreds of thousands of citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve on juries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 1-7, 2016, as

Juror Appreciation Week 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.