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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 20th Annual Capital Region Buddy Walk on October 16, 2016

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in helping to increase awareness and understanding of important medical conditions which affect citizens across our great State and throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 20th Annual Capital Region Buddy Walk on Sunday, October 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Buddy Walk has become the premier advocacy event for Down syndrome in the United States; it is also the world's most widely recognized public awareness program for the Down syndrome community; and

WHEREAS, The National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) established the Buddy Walk program in 1995, to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome, and to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October of every year; and

WHEREAS, During its inaugural year, 17 Buddy Walk events were held across the country, and Chris Burke proudly led the flagship New York City Buddy Walk; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Buddy Walk had another record-breaking year, with more than 315,000 participants raising significant funds in more than 250 events across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, On the occasion of its 20th Annual Capital Region Buddy Walk, this Legislative Body is pleased to have the opportunity to express its highest admiration for the National Down Syndrome Society and to wish it continued success in all its worthy endeavors; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the 20th Annual Capital Region Buddy Walk on October 16, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the National Down Syndrome Society.