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Senate Resolution No. 561

BY: Senator PARKER

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 5-11, 2017, as Burn Awareness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks 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, this Legislative Body is proud to proclaim February 5-11, 2017, as Burn Awareness Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observation of National Burn Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 31st Anniversary of National Burn Awareness Week, developed as a vehicle to promote burn awareness and prevention among the general public, as well as high-risk groups, like children and older adults; and

WHEREAS, Burn Awareness Week is designed to provide an opportunity for burn, fire and life safety educators to unite in sharing a common burn awareness and prevention message in our communities; and

WHEREAS, By memorializing this week, it will remind children how to be responsible for their personal safety, and increase family awareness

of potentially harmful situations; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this important issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state and national levels to reduce the incidence of burn-related injuries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proclaim February 5-11, 2017, as Burn Awareness 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.