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Senate Resolution No. 1695

BY: Senator YOUNG

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 23-29, 2017, as Volunteer Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Volunteer Week

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was first designated by an Executive Order from President Richard Nixon in 1974; the week serves to recognize and encourage people to engage in their community through volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week works to inspire, equip and mobilize people to take actions that can change the world; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations, such as Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and communities are at the center of social change, discovering their power to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, During National Volunteer Week service projects will be performed across our great nation and volunteers will be recognized for their commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc., has more than 100 volunteers who serve Meals on Wheels, work in food pantries, soup kitchen, victims services, and more; and

WHEREAS, The giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; experience teaches that government by itself cannot solve all of the nation's problems; and

WHEREAS, Our country's volunteer force of over 63 million is a great treasure; those who volunteer play a vital role in our community and our future as a caring and productive nation; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York should help encourage volunteerism and the spirit of giving during National Volunteer Week, so that a greater call to action can encourage residents to spread the philanthropic spirit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 23-29, 2017, as Volunteer Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Volunteer Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, and Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.