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Senate Resolution No. 1779

BY: Senator LITTLE

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2017, as Fair Housing 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 important 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 justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2017, as Fair Housing Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Fair Housing Month; and

WHEREAS, April, we come together as a community, a State and a nation to celebrate the anniversary of the passing of the Fair Housing Act and to recommit to that goal which inspired us in the aftermath of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's assassination in 1968: to eliminate housing discrimination and create equal opportunity in every community; and

WHEREAS, Fundamentally, fair housing means that every person can live free; this means communities across the State of New York are open and welcoming, free from housing discrimination and hostility; and

WHEREAS, This also means that each one of us, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability, has access to neighborhoods of opportunity, where our children can attend quality schools, our environment allows us to be healthy, and economic opportunities and self-sufficiency can grow; and

WHEREAS, Our commitment to fair housing is a living commitment, one that reflects the needs of our State and our Nation today and prepares us for a future of true integration; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this important 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 April 2017, as Fair Housing 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.