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Senate Resolution No. 1951

BY: Senator PARKER

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
May 2017, as Foster Care Month in New York State

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the children  
of today are the citizens and leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, It is the further sense of this Legislative Body that the  
children of the State of New York are its most precious resource and  
that, as such, they merit the support, encouragement and protection of  
this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its  
long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to  
memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2017, as Foster  
Care Month in New York State, in conjunction with the observance of  
National Foster Care Month; and

WHEREAS, The designation of the month of May as Foster Care Month is  
illustrative of this Legislative Body's commitment to acknowledging  
foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child  
welfare professionals, and other members of the community who help  
children and youth in foster care find permanent homes and connections;  
and

WHEREAS, The proclamation of May as Foster Care Month also renews the commitment to ensuring a bright future for the more than 400,000 children and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Month is set aside to promote opportunities and contribute to lifting the quality of life of the youth of this noble Empire State, while advancing that spirit of united purpose and shared concern which is the unalterable manifestation of our American experience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2017, as Foster Care Month in New York State, recognizing the significance of the role the children of New York State will play in shaping the future of our State, our society, and our government; 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.