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Senate Resolution No. 2206

BY: Senator HANNON

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 10-16, 2017, as Assisted Living Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Residents of adult care and assisted living communities contribute their wisdom, life experiences and knowledge to the active roles they hold in their communities; their past contributions continue to be a vital part of our State's rich history; and their future contributions and participation deepens the community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 10-16, 2017, as Assisted Living Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Assisted Living Week; and

WHEREAS, The number of elderly and disabled New Yorkers, and Americans, is increasing; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, the National Center for Assisted Living established National Assisted Living Week for residents, their loved ones, staff, volunteers, and the surrounding communities to recognize the role of assisted living in caring for America's seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The National Center for Assisted Living, together with its affiliate, the New York State Center for Assisted Living, is dedicated to promoting high quality, principle-driven adult care and assisted living services with an everlasting commitment to excellence, innovation, and the advancement of person-centered care; and

WHEREAS, The theme of the 2017 National Assisted Living Week is "Family is Forever" which is inspired by a quote from the famed poet, Maya Angelou, "Family isn't always blood, it's the people in your life who want you in theirs: the ones who accept you for who you are, the ones who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what."; and

WHEREAS, During this special week, assisted living communities across the country are encouraged to organize activities and events which celebrate the deep connections between the dedicated staff members and residents; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special person to work in the assisted living profession; often, caregivers form bonds with their residents, and come to think of them as family; Assisted Living Week is an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize those amazing individuals who give their heart and soul to their residents, as well as those seniors and individuals with disabilities who leave a lasting imprint on their caregivers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 10-16, 2017

as Assisted Living Week in the State of New York, and to encourage all citizens, both young and old, to volunteer and visit friends, family and loved ones who reside in adult care/assisted living communities, and to

learn more about this vital segment in the spectrum of care and how it benefits our State; 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 the New York State Center for Assisted Living.