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Assembly Resolution No. 520

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 5, 2017, as Italian American Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize celebrations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities 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 June 5, 2017, as Italian American Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Italian American Day is a joyous celebration of culture, civic conviviality and other merriment, held annually throughout the State of New York, in commemoration of the Republic of Italy's National Holiday, "Festa Della Repubblica Italiana," Italy's 4th of July; and

WHEREAS, Festa della Repubblica is the Italian National Day and Republic Day, which is celebrated on June 2nd of each year; and

WHEREAS, The day commemorates the institutional referendum held by universal suffrage in 1946, in which the Italian people were called to

the polls to decide on the form of government, following the World War II and the fall of fascism; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the foundation of the Republic, the Italian national day was the first Sunday in June, anniversary of the granting of the Statuto Albertino; and

WHEREAS, From 1977 to 1999, due to economic reasons, this was the date of the celebrations for the 1946 foundation of the republic; the June 2nd date became official in 2000 and the first official parade was held in Turin in 1961 to mark the centennial year of Italian unification; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious day provides an opportunity to celebrate the significant contributions of Italian Americans so that all people may know and appreciate Italian history and traditions, and of the role Italian Americans have played, and will continue to play, in our society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 5, 2017, as Italian American Day 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.