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Assembly Resolution No. 618

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 15-21, 2017, as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks that are set aside to increase awareness of serious 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, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 15-21, 2017, as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 450 men die from breast cancer each year, a number that is expected only to increase; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is widely believed to be a disease confined to women, and due to a general lack of awareness that men can also develop breast cancer, men are typically diagnosed during the disease's later stages; and

WHEREAS, Promoting awareness and education about male breast cancer is crucial to improving the health and well-being of men throughout the State and nation, facilitating earlier detection, improving the

prognoses of men who have been diagnosed with the disease, and ultimately preventing further loss of life; and

WHEREAS, In remembrance of the many men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this often overlooked disease, every citizen, whether male or female, including parents, siblings, spouses, educators, and physicians, is encouraged to take part in spreading awareness of male breast cancer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 15-21, 2017, as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week 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.