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Senate Resolution No. 3619

BY: Senator COMRIE

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 26, 2018, as Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, During tax season, IRS joins partners nationwide to launch the Awareness Day outreach campaign to ensure millions of workers get the credits they earned and deserve; 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 January 26, 2018, as Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, Each year, IRS invites community organizations, elected officials, state and local governments, schools, employers, and others in a national grassroots effort to spotlight the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) on EITC Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, EITC Awareness Day is a joint venture between IRS and its many partners and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Intensive media coverage helps to reach the broadest

possible range of eligible taxpayers, including the underserved populations and the newly eligible taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, EITC can increase a federal tax refund from \$1 to \$6,242 for qualified taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, IRS estimates four of five, or 80%, of eligible taxpayers claim and get this important credit; it helps to ensure the remaining 20% receives the EITC they earned; and

WHEREAS, EITC is a financial boost for working people and the local economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 26, 2018, as Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness 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.