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Assembly Resolution No. 846

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
March 2018, as Agriculture Month in the State of New
York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2018, as Agriculture Month in
the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National
Agriculture Month; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture continues to rank as the number one industry in
New York State; and

WHEREAS, The value added to New York's economy by agriculture
accounts for more than \$4.7 billion annually and plays an essential role
in maintaining a strong economy; and

WHEREAS, The agriculture industry is an integral segment of New York
State's economy and a major employer of labor from all phases of
agricultural production; and

WHEREAS, Every day, farmers invest their time, energy and passion
into producing wholesome and nutritious products; and

WHEREAS, New York's farmers have historically been the stewards of

the land, contributing to the State's diverse agricultural landscapes through responsible conservation practices and investments in technology; and

WHEREAS, They also shape New York's food system and act as not only producers but also as nutrition educators, providing us with a safe, plentiful, affordable and nourishing food supply; and

WHEREAS, New York's agricultural products have been shown to promote weight loss, and overall improved health; and

WHEREAS, Commemorating Agriculture month will build awareness of the benefits of the agriculture industry in New York and encourage young people to consider agriculture as a career; and

WHEREAS, New York Agriculture Month provides the opportunity for all New Yorkers to better appreciate agriculture's breadth and beauty, how food and fiber products are produced, and the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the contributions of the agriculture industry and New York's farmers, and to join with farmers and consumers all across the State to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2018, as Agriculture Month 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.