

## 2017-K1124

Assembly Resolution No. 1124

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
May 5, 2018, as I Love My Park Day in the State of  
New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality  
of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by  
the availability of exceptional recreational facilities; 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 May 5, 2018, as I Love  
My Park Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Seventh Annual I Love My Park Day is an exciting  
statewide event to improve and enhance New York's parks and historic  
sites and bring visibility to the entire park system and its needs; and

WHEREAS, Coordinated statewide by Parks & Trails New York in  
partnership with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation &  
Historic Preservation, numerous sponsors and thousands of volunteers  
will participate in cleanup, improvement, and beautification events at  
126 New York State parks and historic sites, which will ensure that New  
York's parks remain beautiful and accessible by cleaning up park lands  
and beaches, planting trees and gardens, restoring trails and wildlife

habitat, removing invasive species, and working on various site improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of the seventh anniversary of the event, I Love My Park Day 2018 will be the largest to date and will also include a coordinated statewide participation of the National Park Service, as well as the Department of Environmental Conservation, Excelsior Conservation Corps and the New York Commission on Volunteer and Community Service; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is home to iconic parks and historical sites such as the mighty Niagara Falls, the oldest state park in the country; Letchworth State Park, also known as the Grand Canyon of the East; Jones Beach, a world class swimming destination which welcomes twice as many yearly visitors as Yellowstone National Park; Olana, the 19th Century home of Hudson River School artist Frederic Edwin Church; and Oriskany Battlefield, the site of one of the most significant battles of the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Park system includes 180 state parks and 35 state historic sites, covering a total of 330,000 acres of protected lands and water, 1,350 miles of hiking trails, over 8,000 campsites, numerous swimming pools, beaches, boat launches, nature centers, and golf courses which contribute significant benefits to New York State's economy, health, environment and history; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, supports this vital day and encourages the citizens of this great Empire State to participate in the I Love My Park Day activities

scheduled throughout the State to strengthen their commitment to preserving the natural, scenic, and recreational qualities of this great

Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 5, 2018, as I Love My Park Day in the State of New York; 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; Parks & Trails New York; and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation.