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Senate Resolution No. 5075

BY: Senator PARKER

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2018 as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious health 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, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2018 as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) declares May to be National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month since it is peak season for those suffering from asthma and allergies; and

WHEREAS, Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month is a perfect time to educate people about these common diseases; and

WHEREAS, There is no cure for asthma and allergies, and many deaths are preventable with proper treatment and care; 10 people a day die from

asthma; and

WHEREAS, Asthma affects more than 24.5 million Americans; more than six million children under the age of 18 have asthma; and

WHEREAS, More than 50 million Americans suffer from all types of allergies including pollen, skin, and latex, and the rate of allergies is climbing; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, supports the increase in public awareness regarding asthma and allergies; it is important to help educate all citizens of the State of New York of the serious and potentially life-threatening nature of asthma and allergies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2018 as Asthma and Allergy Awareness 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.