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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
May 6-12, 2018, as Women's Lung Health 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, this Legislative Body is justly proud to
memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 6-12, 2018, as
Women's Lung Health Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Women's Lung Health Week celebrates and honors the power of
women who stand united to fight lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, Lung Cancer is the number one killer of women; more women
die of lung cancer than any other cancer; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 70,500 women will lose their lives to lung
cancer in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Tobacco use and exposure account for 98% of lung cancer;
lifestyle related behaviors are also linked to an increased risk of a

cancer diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, Asthma rates among women rose 97% compared to a 22% increase in men over a 14 year period; and

WHEREAS, Chronic pulmonary disease (COPD) currently accounts for 1.5 million emergency room visits, 71,500 hospitalizations, and eight million physician office and hospital outpatient visits annually; women are 37% more likely to have COPD than men; and

WHEREAS, Women may also suffer from a host of other lung ailments including: pulmonary emboli, blood clots which travels to the lung from other parts of the body; pulmonary hypertension, high blood pressure in the arteries which brings blood to the lungs; LAM (lymphangioliomyomatosis), a rare lung disease that mostly affects women in their mid-30s and 40s; and influenza (the flu) and pneumonia, respiratory infections caused by a virus which can damage the lungs; and

WHEREAS, Every seven minutes and thirty seconds, one woman in the United States loses her battle with lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths for women and men in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Advocacy and increased awareness will result in screening and early detection for people with lung cancer that will ultimately save lives; and

WHEREAS, Public support for research funding will result in better treatment and early detection methods that will ultimately save lives; and

WHEREAS, Lung Force is a national initiative, led by the American Lung Association, to defeat lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, Access to adequate health care has a significant impact on a woman's chance of surviving cancer; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 6-12, 2018, as Women's Lung Health 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.