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Senate Resolution No. 5243

BY: Senator PARKER

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2018, as Cancer Research Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The health and well-being of the citizens of the State of New York are of paramount importance to this Legislative Body; 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 2018, as Cancer Research Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Cancer Research Month; and

WHEREAS, Currently, more than 10 million cancer survivors are living in the United States; cancer research plays an important role in saving lives and advancing progress against the more than 200 diseases that are called cancer; and

WHEREAS, National Cancer Research Month recognizes the importance of cancer research and the contributions of researchers, physician-scientists, survivors, and patient advocates across the United States who are dedicated to the conquest of cancer; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to spectacular advances made by cancer research,

more than 15.5 million people in the United States and millions more worldwide are cancer survivors who are living with, through, and beyond their disease; and

WHEREAS, Despite the significant progress that has been made, cancer is a growing public health challenge globally; the immense toll of cancer is felt not only through the number of lives it affects each year, but also through its significant economic impact; 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 to support much needed cancer research; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2018, as Cancer Research 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.