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Assembly Resolution No. 1183

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
May 25, 2018, as Long Island Sound Day in the State  
of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize  
official days that are set aside to increase public awareness of, and  
appreciation for, the natural resources of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its  
long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is moved to memorialize  
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 25, 2018, as Long Island Sound  
Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Sound, which stretches from New York City  
to southern Westchester County, Connecticut, and the northern shores of  
Long Island, is a place where saltwater from the Atlantic Ocean mixes  
with water from in-land rivers and upwelling groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Commercial and recreational activities in the Long Island  
Sound generate upwards of 9 billion dollars in the economy every year;  
500,000 boats are registered in the area of the Long Island Sound, and  
nearly 750,000 recreational fishermen utilize this extraordinary natural  
resource; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Sound is 21 miles wide at its widest points and 113 miles long; it has 600 miles of coastline; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Sound is home to sea turtles and more than 120 species of finfish, as well as several shark species; and

WHEREAS, Several bird species can be found including the American Oystercatchers, Piping Plovers, Saltmarsh Sparrows, Roseate Terns, Snowy Egrets, Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, and Ospreys; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, both river otters and humpback whales, who had not been seen in more than a century, can once again be found in the Long Island Sound due to the incredible efforts that have been made to rehabilitate the area; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Sound is a destination appreciated by both residents and visitors who seek the natural, scenic, and recreational qualities of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, New York joins with its sister state, Connecticut in declaring the Friday before Memorial Day as Long Island Sound Day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 25, 2018, as Long Island Sound Day 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.