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Assembly Resolution No. 1238

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 21-27, 2018, as Arts Education Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of International Arts Education Week

WHEREAS, Arts Education Week is a week in which one aims to increase the community's awareness on the importance of arts education and to reinforce its cooperation by promoting cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and social cohesion; and

WHEREAS, The General Conference of UNESCO proclaimed the fourth week of May as Arts Education Week for the first time the week of May 21-27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Education through art is a natural means of learning at all periods of the development of the individual, fostering values and disciplines essential for full intellectual, emotional and social development of human beings in a community; and

WHEREAS, Art education helps connect students to the larger world, ultimately improving community cohesion as well as creating a more level playing field between children who may not be exposed to these enrichment experiences outside of school and some of their more privileged peers; and

WHEREAS, Students who receive more arts education perform better on standardized tests, improve their social skills, and are more motivated than those who have reduced or no access; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers have benefitted from hundreds of art education programs all over the State; and

WHEREAS, New York is world-renowned for its rich history as both a home and incubator for artists from all walks of life, who use a variety of mediums to express themselves, and enrich our culture; this Legislative Body supports the goals and ideals of Arts Education Week; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 21-27, 2018, as Arts Education Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of International Arts Education Week; 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.