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Assembly Resolution No. 1274

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2018, as Gun Violence 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 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, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2018, as Gun Violence Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 38,658 people killed by guns in the United States in 2016; and

WHEREAS, According to Gun Violence Archive (GVA), a nonprofit organization that tracks media and law enforcement reports of shootings, at least 15,549 people were killed by guns in the United States in 2017 excluding suicides, which represents a 3 percent increase over the previous year; and

WHEREAS, Gun-related deaths are the third leading cause of death for American children, including approximately 1,600 gun-related homicides

per year; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services reports that in 2016 there were over 10,000 violent crimes committed with a firearm, and 367 gun deaths; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Criminal Justice Services affirms in 2017, firearms accounted for 25.5% of domestic violence incidents in the State of New York, and 23.8% of domestic violence incidents in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence continues to be a devastating crisis throughout the state with an increase of shootings and murders typically occurring in the summer months; and

WHEREAS, The damage caused by gun violence is not limited by gender, race, sexual orientation or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, The effects of gun violence extend far beyond those struck by a bullet; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious issue including prevention, intervention, education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, Increased awareness and coordination among all stakeholders is critical to the prevention of gun violence, the equal protection of our citizens, and to ensure our state's safety for our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2018, as Gun Violence 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.