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Assembly Resolution No. 1372

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 15, 2018, as Pet Fire Safety Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days 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, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 15, 2018, as Pet Fire Safety Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Pet Fire Safety Day; and

WHEREAS, National Pet Fire Safety Day is observed annually on July 15th; just like fire drills, pets need consideration when preparing for unexpected fire emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Established by the American Kennel Club, Pet Fire Safety Day seeks to bring to light the importance of being trained and aware of the additional dangers associated with house fires involving pets; and

WHEREAS, Taking preventable measures now can save both your home and your pet; many times our pets can cause a fire if we do not take the

proper steps; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Fire Protection Association around 1,000 house fires are started annually by house pets, and an additional 500,000 pets are affected by house fires annually; and

WHEREAS, Fire started by pets can lead to serious damage to a home and potential loss of life, and fires affecting pets can cause injury to them or loss of the pet's life as well; and

WHEREAS, Many New Yorkers remain unaware of the dangers associated with pet fires so it is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious 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 July 15, 2018, as Pet Fire Safety 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.