

# State of New York

## Legislative Resolution



Senate No. 4210

Assembly No. 1142

**BY:** Senators Griffo, Hannon, Savino, Avella, Bonacic, Breslin, DeFrancisco, Golden, Hassell-Thompson, Krueger, Larkin, LaValle, Libous, Little, Marcellino, Martins, Maziarz, McDonald, Oppenheimer, Ranzenhofer, Saland, Sampson, Seward, Stavisky and Stewart-Cousins

**BY:** M. of A. Gibson, Barrett, McEneny, Peoples-Stokes and Sweeney

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2012 as Lupus Awareness Month in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** Each year, the Lupus Agencies of New York State designate May as Lupus Awareness Month to show support for the 105,400 New Yorkers, 1.5 million Americans and 5 million people worldwide who suffer from the often debilitating effects of Lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and

**WHEREAS,** Each year thousands of people are newly diagnosed with Lupus, the great majority of whom are young people in the prime of their lives, and 90% of whom are women; and

**WHEREAS,** Lupus is most prevalent among African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asians; and tragically, thousands of people die from Lupus each year because a cure remains elusive; and

**WHEREAS,** Many health professionals are unaware of symptoms and health effects of Lupus, causing people with Lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment, demonstrating the need for increased public and professional awareness of Lupus; and

**WHEREAS,** Medical research efforts into Lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for Lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and

**WHEREAS,** Increasing community awareness and focusing public attention on Lupus and its devastating impact on patients' lives will provide hope for a better future for those affected; and

**WHEREAS,** The Lupus Agencies of New York State are dedicated to: "improving the quality of life for individuals with Lupus and their loved ones by providing education, support and outreach services, and promoting programs of awareness, advocacy, and research"; and

**WHEREAS**, This Legislative Body recognizes the needs of those chronically ill people who are living with Lupus and urges all citizens to support the search for a cure and assist those individuals and families who deal with this devastating disease on a daily basis; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2012 as Lupus Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, and the Lupus Agencies of New York State.

**ADOPTED IN SENATE ON**  
April 26, 2012

By order of the Senate,

*Francis W. Patience*  
Francis W. Patience, Secretary

**ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY ON**  
April 17, 2012

By order of the Assembly,

*Laurene R. Kretzler*  
Laurene R. Kretzler, Clerk

