

State of New York  
Legislative Resolution

Senate No. 767



Assembly No. 347

**BY:** Senators Griffo, Hannon, Little, Addabbo, Bonacic, Breslin, Carlucci, Espaillat, Golden, Hassell-Thompson, Johnson, Klein, Kruger, Larkin, LaValle, Libous, Marcellino, Maziarz, Nozzolio, O'Mara, Parker, Perkins, Ranzenhofer, Ritchie, Saland, Sampson, Savino, Seward, Skelos, Stavisky and Stewart-Cousins

**BY:** M. of A. Gibson, Destito, Peoples-Stokes, Abbate, Aubry, Barclay, Blankenbush, Boyland, Brennan, Burling, Cahill, Calhoun, Canestrari, Castelli, Castro, Clark, Colton, Conte, Corwin, Crespo, Crouch, Cusick, Cymbrowitz, DenDekker, Duprey, Farrell, Finch, Fitzpatrick, Gabryszak, Galef, Giglio, Glick, Gottfried, Gunther, Hawley, Hayes, Heastie, Jaffee, Johns, Jordan, Katz, Latimer, Lavine, Lifton, Linares, Lupardo, Magee, Maisel, Markey, Mayersohn, McDonough, McEneny, McKeivitt, McLaughlin, Meng, J. Miller, M. Miller, Millman, Molinaro, Montesano, Moya, Oaks, O'Donnell, Ortiz, Perry, Pheffer, Ra, Rabbitt, Raia, Reilich, Reilly, N. Rivera, P. Rivera, Roberts, Robinson, Rosenthal, Russell, Saladino, Sayward, Scarborough, Schimel, Schimminger, Simotas, Spano, Sweeney, Tedisco, Thiele, Titone, Tobacco, Towns, Weinstein, Weisenberg, Weprin, Wright and Zebrowski

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2011 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

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**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 2011 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**  
March 8, 2011

By order of the Senate,

Francis W. Patience, *Secretary*

**ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY ON**  
April 5, 2011

By order of the Assembly,

Laurene R. Kretzler, *Clerk*

