

## 2013-K103

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 14, 2013, as Socks for the Homeless Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 14, 2013, as Socks for the Homeless Day in the State of New York, and to encourage all citizens of this great Empire State to contribute to organizations that provide socks for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, According to HUD in 2010, there were 649,879 homeless individuals across America; and

WHEREAS, A pair of socks is a basic need for a person to have and a lack of socks can lead to frostbite and blisters as well as ulcer formations and inevitable loss of limb and amputation; and

WHEREAS, Clothing donations to the homeless rarely include much-needed socks; and

WHEREAS, The need for clean, dry socks is imperative to decrease the likelihood of fungal and bacterial infection that can be harbored in a shoe liner and then can infect a person, leading to cellulitis and skin infection; and

WHEREAS, The need for socks is basic in that they protect the feet from the internal structures of shoes as well as help insulate the feet from cold surfaces, especially for those who deal with rheumatoid arthritis; and

WHEREAS, The simplicity of socks can make so much difference for the homeless individual; and

WHEREAS, For children, new socks can mean not having splinters and infected fungal nails after borrowing other kids' shoes or using donated hand-me-downs without a barrier like a sock to protect them from contagious agents; and

WHEREAS, Single mothers and children who have one pair of socks, which can last only so long, are given back dignity when they own new, non-tattered socks; and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the State of New York to continue to

raise awareness of the plight of homeless individuals and the medical problems associated with being homeless and sockless; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 14, 2013, as Socks for the Homeless 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.