BY: Senators Little, Adams, Addabbo, Avella, Ball, Bonacic, Boyle, Breshears, Daines, Espinal, Flanagan, For�er, Felder, Flanagan, Gianaris, Gipson, Golden, Griffin, Grisanti, Grooms, Hassell-Thompson, Hayman, Kennedy, Klein, Kozlowski, Klein, Krueger, Lavin, Lattanzio, Louis, Marchesiali, Marchesano, Martin, Martin, Montgomery, Nocera, O'Brien, Orsoni, Pachar, Palsula, Perretta, Persaud, Persaud, Pettinelli, Pizzarelli, Rivers, Rizzi, SampSON, Sanders, Sanes, Savino, Sears, Seward, Skelos, Smith, Squadrito, Stavisky, Cavallaro, Tavalesi, Vainieri, Young and Zelldorff

WHEREAS, an estimated 15 million people in the United States, six to eight percent of the population, and millions of people worldwide have been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia, an illness for which there is no known cure or cause; and

WHEREAS, a chronic syndrome that is increasing at alarming rates, Fibromyalgia causes debilitating fatigue and chronic pain in women, men, and children at all ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, Patients with Fibromyalgia often have to learn to live with widespread pain throughout their bodies, extreme fatigue, sleep disorders, stiffness and weakness, migraines headaches, numbness and tingling, and impairment of memory and concentration; and

WHEREAS, it often takes an average of five years to receive a diagnosis of Fibromyalgia, and medical professionals frequently are inadequately educated regarding the diagnosis and treatment of Fibromyalgia; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and expanded knowledge of the realities of life with Fibromyalgia will allow the community at large to better support people who struggle with the challenges of this chronic pain disorder; and

WHEREAS, a cost-effective charitable organization, the National Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Association, serves people around the country, including the International Institute For Human Empowerment, Inc. based in New York State, to promote Fibromyalgia awareness and support, including improved education, diagnosis, research and treatment; and

WHEREAS, The International Institute For Human Empowerment is the sponsor of various Fibromyalgia awareness events, as well as the Babot Empowerment Seminar report: "Fibromyalgia: Advocacy, Awareness, and Action", encouraging the medical community, patients, employers, government, health and human services advocates, educators, and caregivers, to work together to support and improve the lives of Fibromyalgia patients; and

WHEREAS, The Neurosensory Department at Albany Medical Center, in Albany, New York, conducts medical research and provides continuing medical education for physicians and other healthcare providers in Fibromyalgia; and

WHEREAS, a report by researchers from the Neurosensory Department of Albany Medical Center, including Charles E. Angell, M.D., James P. Wyner, M.D., Ph.D., Frank L. Ris, Ph.D., and Philip L. Amundt, Ph.D., have obtained research results for Fibromyalgia which have recently been published, and will have implications for the future treatment of Fibromyalgia; and

WHEREAS, The Neurosensory Department of Albany Medical Center will provide outreach to patients and caregivers by working with organizations such as the International Institute for Human Empowerment, Inc., to educate the community about Fibromyalgia research results, and the potential impact for improving the quality of life for Fibromyalgia patients; and

WHEREAS, The community's focus on Fibromyalgia and its impact on patient's lives will help generate hope for a better future for people with Fibromyalgia; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the needs of those chronically ill people who suffer from Fibromyalgia, and urges all of our citizens to support the search for a cure and assist those individuals and families who have dealt with this devastating syndrome on a daily basis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Body pass this resolution to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 13-15, 2013, as Fibromyalgia Awareness Week 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; the International Institute For Human Empowerment, Inc. The Neurosensory Department of Albany Medical Center; and the National Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Association.

ADOPTED IN SENATE ON May 21, 2013

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Francis W. Patano, Secretary

ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY ON May 22, 2013

By order of the Assembly

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Laurne R. Kratzer, Clerk

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Legislative Resolution

By order of the Senate,

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Laurne R. Kratzer, Clerk