

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim March 29, 2010, as Knights of Columbus Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those fraternal organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim March 29, 2010, as Knights of Columbus Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded on March 29, 1882, in Hartford, Connecticut, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest lay Catholic family service organization; in New York State alone, there are 96,264 members; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus' four ideals include: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, and exemplifies these principles by its involvement in direct donations to other charities, churches and those in need; and

WHEREAS, Although not restricted to any particular cause, the Knights of Columbus has, over the years, given much of its time and energies to persons with mental retardation; at the local, state and international levels, Special Olympics has been a major recipient of funding, service and support from this exceptional organization; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Knights of Columbus gives generously to those suffering from the effects of both war and natural disasters; it has been instrumental in promoting the causes of just peace, consistent with Christian ideals and true patriotism, principles upon which the Order has always adhered; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, the Knights of Columbus has demonstrated the value of fostering camaraderie in a shared vision of community service; this mission is indicative of a noble organization which epitomizes the heart and soul of what it means to be an American; and

WHEREAS, Organizations of singular distinction such as the Knights of Columbus, provide a model for enhancing the quality of life in the community and, as such, merits the grateful praise of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim March 29, 2010, as Knights of Columbus 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 David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York.