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Resolution designating the week of September 16th to September 20, 2013 as “Health Information Technology Week” in New York City.

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Whereas, National Health Information Technology Week is organized by the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) and is supported by corporate and non-profit partners from around the country; and

Whereas, Last year, over 250 healthcare related organizations participated in National Health Information Technology Week 2012; and

Whereas, Comprehensive health care reform is not possible without the system-wide adoption of health information technology, which improves the quality of healthcare delivery, increases patient safety, decreases medical errors, and strengthens the interaction between patients and healthcare providers; and

Whereas, The Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Programs provide financial incentives for the “meaningful use” of certified EHR technology to improve patient care; and

Whereas, New York's eligible providers and hospitals have received a significant amount of resources from the EHR Incentive Program; and

Whereas, It is necessary to recognize the many accomplishments that have already been attained with the implementation of health information technology, and to increase public awareness about the benefits of this technology to improve the quality and cost efficiency of the healthcare system; and

Whereas, The New York State Legislature passed a joint resolution on June 12, 2013, declaring

September 16-20, 2013 as Health Information Technology Week in the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York designates the week of September 16th to September 20, 2013 as “Health Information Technology Week” in New York City.

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