

**Proclaiming June 2015 As Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT) Awareness Month In Ulster County**

Referred to: The Public Health and Social Services Committee (Chairman Lopez and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Litts and Provenzano)

Legislator Kevin A. Roberts offers the following:

WHEREAS, Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT), also known as Osler-Weber-Rendu Syndrome, is a multi-organ manifestation characterized by tangled blood vessels in the brain, lungs, liver, nose, skin, and intestines; and

WHEREAS, typical symptoms begin with nosebleeds during childhood; and

WHEREAS, HHT is a common “rare” disorder affecting an estimated 1 in 5,000 people; and

WHEREAS, 90% of individuals with HHT experience moderate to severe nosebleeds which are not yet diagnosed due to widespread lack of knowledge by medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, HHT can result in stroke, hemorrhage, or heart failure; and

WHEREAS, HHT tragedies can be prevented through early diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, treatment for HHT may include surgery to treat bleeding in some areas, electrocautery or laser surgery to treat frequent or heavy nosebleeds, or endovascular embolization to treat abnormal blood vessels in the brain and other parts of the body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature recognizes raising awareness and leading people to diagnosis *will* save lives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby proclaims June 2015 as Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT) Awareness Month in Ulster County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Ulster County Legislature urges all of Ulster County to assist in raising the awareness of crucial diagnosis and available treatment to prevent needless disabilities and deaths associated with HHT; and, be it further

