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**STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO ON DEATH OF  
ASSEMBLY MEMBER JAMES CONTE**

"It is with great sadness that we hear news of the passing of Jim Conte, who served Long Island residents and our entire state for more than two decades as a member of the Assembly. Throughout his career, Jim was an outspoken advocate on important issues facing not just his constituents and community, but all New Yorkers. He fought to increase awareness for tissue and organ donation and boost enrollment in donor registry, so those needing vital transplants could be given a new hope for life. The passage of 'Lauren's Law' this year reflected Jim's dedication and commitment to this important issue. In addition, Jim has worked for years to protect Long Island's beautiful natural habitats to ensure the region's shores and beaches could be enjoyed by visitors and residents for years to come. Above all else, Jim will be remembered for his kindness and genuine concern for the wellbeing of others, and with his passing, our state has lost a true public servant and a man of integrity and character. We will miss Jim, and on behalf of all New Yorkers, I send my condolences to his friends and family."

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