



# New York State Assembly Citation

- WHEREAS,** *Efforts to increase awareness regarding health issues which affect residents of the State of New York merit the support of the New York State Assembly; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of the New York State Assembly to call attention to the serious medical condition of Adhesions Related Disorder (ARD), which afflicts many citizens in this great State; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Adhesions are internal scars that frequently occur after surgery and can grow to connect internal organs not normally connected leading to chronic pain, recurrent bowel obstruction and infertility; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In extreme cases some patients have had to endure over twenty operations to remove adhesions because of the propensity for regrowth of scar tissue; and*
- WHEREAS,** *ARD may become so severe that patients are unable to work; obtaining health care or disability insurance is difficult; family life is devastated; and the emotional health of Adhesion sufferers is severely affected leading to life-threatening depression and isolation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Hospital admissions for ARD number over 300,000 per year, rivaling those for heart bypass, appendix and other common operations yet the awareness of this serious condition is relatively low; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The lack of awareness about adhesions and ARD means that many doctors do not understand the condition and are unable to treat adhesions, insurance companies are unwilling to pay for treatment, and patients' efforts to get well are continually frustrated; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The International Adhesions Society (IAS) was formed in 1996 to promote awareness about adhesions, to provide support to patients and information to medical professionals, and to encourage research into adhesions and their prevention; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In recognition of the debilitating effects ARD has had on those afflicted, it is incumbent upon the citizens of the State of New York to support the courageous individuals living and coping with this painful condition; now, therefore, be it*
- RESOLVED,** *That I, Steven C. Englebright, New York State Assemblyman for the Fourth District, along with my fellow Assembly Members, do hereby acknowledge and call attention to*

## **THE INTERNATIONAL ADHESIONS SOCIETY**

*In its efforts to promote awareness of adhesions and support patients with adhesions.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and Signature on this Tenth Day of August in the year 2001.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Englebright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**STEVEN C. ENGLEBRIGHT**  
**Member of Assembly**