

BY: Senator PARKER

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 5, 2022, as National Bird Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 5, 2022, as National Bird Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, On January 5th, nature lovers, bird lovers, and bird watchers across the country annually recognize National Bird Day to bring attention to the plight of our feathered friends, particularly birds that are not native to the United States and are captive; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Born Free USA in coordination with the Avian Welfare Coalition launched the first annual National Bird Day to promote avian awareness; and

WHEREAS, Born Free USA emphasizes the importance of National Bird Day and lists it as a day to shine a spotlight on issues critical to the protection and survival of birds, both captive and wild; and

WHEREAS, According to Born Free USA, nearly 12 percent of the world's almost 10,000 bird species are in danger of extinction; and

WHEREAS, Today, over half a million avian admirers celebrate National Bird Day through a bevy of activities, including bird-watching, studying birds, educating others, and other bird-related activities; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, a particularly important National Bird Day activity is bird adoption; according to the **Atlanta Journal Constitution**, many bird enthusiasts celebrate by adopting birds on this day and educating future bird owners about the special issues involved with taking care of birds; and

WHEREAS, National Bird Day is a time to take a few moments out of your day to appreciate the beauty and the diversity of these amazing animals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 5, 2022, as National Bird 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 Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.