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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2022, as Thyroid Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious conditions that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body hereby memorializes Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2022, as Thyroid Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The thyroid is a small gland responsible for producing hormones that play a crucial role in many of the body's systems - from cells and tissues, to organs like the heart, brain, liver, and kidneys; and

WHEREAS, Dysfunction occurs when the thyroid produces either too much or too little thyroid hormone; either can disrupt healthy functioning of vital organs, leading to a large range of symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Thyroid Disease is any dysfunction of the thyroid and encompasses a wide array of disorders, such as thyroid nodules, hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, Goiter, Graves' disease, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, and various thyroid cancers; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that more than 30 million Americans have thyroid dysfunction, yet at least half of these cases are undiagnosed and, consequently, untreated; women are five times more likely to develop thyroid problems than men; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1923, the American Thyroid Association is an international organization with over 1,600 members from 43 countries which is dedicated to the advancement, understanding, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of thyroid disorders and thyroid cancer; and

WHEREAS, Through public awareness, this Legislative Body seeks to minimize the devastating effects of Thyroid Disease among all the citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2022, as Thyroid Awareness Month 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.