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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2022, as Cervical Health 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 illnesses 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 Cervical Health Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Established by the United States Congress, Cervical Health Awareness Month is observed every year in January to encourage women to be more attentive to their health; and

WHEREAS, Cervical health is one aspect of health that many women neglect throughout their lives; by becoming more knowledgeable about this, women can detect any health issues at an early stage and get access to the best treatment; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that over 13,000 females suffer from cervical cancer in the United States each year; fortunately, cervical cancer can be easily prevented through vaccination and early detection; and

WHEREAS, Throughout January, various events are hosted by healthcare providers around the country to raise awareness about cervical cancer and the Human Papillomavirus (H.P.V.); and

WHEREAS, During the 1800s in western Europe, cervical cancer was one of the most common forms of malignant tumor found in women and was one of the leading causes of cancer death for women in European countries; and

WHEREAS, Since 1950, efforts have been made to control the disease through early screening and treatment; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1970s, screeners were able to detect H.P.V. in patients with cervical cancers; through continuous research and development, effective vaccines were developed and licensed to prevent major types of H.P.V., including types 16 and 18 that are known to cause cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, Although H.P.V. vaccination prevents new infections, it does not treat existing ones; these vaccines are most effective when taken before exposure to H.P.V.; therefore, regular screening is the best way to prevent cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, Cervical Health Awareness month is a great way to raise

awareness in the community about the benefits of early detection when there are no symptoms of the disease; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and national levels to support the patients as well as their families; now, therefore, be it

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