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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2022, as Mentoring Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Mentoring Month

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of issues that affect the lives of the citizens of this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2022, as Mentoring Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Mentoring Month; and

WHEREAS, Mentoring is an essential part of closing the opportunity gap; across our society, talent is equally distributed, however, opportunity is not; mentoring gives every young person a fair chance to graduate college and fulfill their potential; and

WHEREAS, Mentoring provides support and instills confidence in first generation college students, which can make all the difference on their path to a successful life; first generation students with mentors are far more likely to attend and graduate from college than students without; and

WHEREAS, Mentoring is a tool to uplift historically oppressed communities where New York's most vulnerable populations reside, providing guidance, support and access to resources otherwise not available to these communities; and

WHEREAS, Mentoring not only has positive impacts on mentees, but also provides an opportunity for mentors to expand their own knowledge and experience, making for a more compassionate society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2022, as Mentoring Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Mentoring Month; 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.