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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 8-14, 2023, as Home Office Safety and Security Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in recognizing official weeks established to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 8-14, 2023, as Home Office Safety and Security Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observation of National Home Office Safety and Security Week; and

WHEREAS, Having a home office is the dream of thousands of Americans, and it is a goal that is becoming more and more achievable every day due to technological breakthroughs constantly being discovered; while the excitement of setting up a home office is a happy feeling, many fail to recognize common dangers within their new work environment; and

WHEREAS, Home Office Safety and Security Week is a time to focus on these potential hazards and encourage business owners to evaluate, assess and implement proper security and safety measures in their home offices; and

WHEREAS, Some of the essential components of a safe home working environment include privacy and data security, physical security, physical safety for adults and children, and proper information storage; and

WHEREAS, There are a number of ways to increase home office safety and security: implement a regular cleaning schedule to avoid a number of hazards, avoid risks of fire by installing both smoke detectors and fire extinguishers and prepare an exit strategy in case a fire should occur, and arrange for children to be supervised at all times; and

WHEREAS, It is also important to stress that all information pertaining to the business and its clients is stored properly and securely; and

WHEREAS, Continued improvement in home office safety and security is the responsibility of all business owners; by recognizing Home Office Safety and Security Week, it is hoped that more New Yorkers will become vigilant in ensuring that their home office is a safe place to work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 8-14, 2023, as Home Office Safety and Security Week 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.