

**BY:** Senator HOYLMAN-SIGAL

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
June 2023, as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the State of New  
York

**WHEREAS,** New York State's diversity has always been its greatest strength; and

**WHEREAS,** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) people have made important and lasting contributions to our great State and Nation in every field of endeavor including business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, music, philanthropy, sports, arts, and culture that enrich our national life; and

**WHEREAS,** LGBTQ+ New Yorkers also mobilized the State and Nation to respond to the domestic HIV/AIDS epidemic and have played a vital role in broadening this country's response to the global HIV pandemic; and

**WHEREAS,** LGBTQ+ people come from all walks of life, regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, economic status, physical or mental ability, medical condition, sex, gender identity or expression; and

**WHEREAS,** Each year in June marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion; this event is widely considered to constitute the single most important event leading to the LGBTQ+ liberation movement and the modern-day fight for LGBTQ+ rights in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** The event inspired LGBTQ+ people throughout the country to organize in support of LGBTQ+ rights, and, within two years, LGBTQ+ rights organizations were founded in nearly every major city; and

**WHEREAS,** The Stonewall Rebellion was led by trans elders like Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, without whom the hard-fought victories the LGBTQ+ community has come to enjoy in recent years and decades would not have been possible; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of these contributions, it is incumbent on the more privileged members of the LGBTQ+ community to fight to defend trans people and trans youth from unprecedented infringements on their human rights; and

**WHEREAS,** LGBTQ+ New Yorkers, their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and equality celebrate during the month of June the rich culture, the notable achievements, and the outstanding contributions that LGBTQ+ New Yorkers make to our great State and Nation and continue to advocate to uphold and advance LGBTQ+ rights, which are human rights; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2023, as LGBTQ+ Pride 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.