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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 6-10, 2023, as National School Psychology Week in the State of New York

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 6-10, 2023, as National School Psychology Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This National School Psychology Week comes as New York's youth grapple with mental health conditions at unprecedented rates; with students needing more support than ever, school psychologists are at the front line of this crisis; and

WHEREAS, According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, feelings of persistent sadness and hopelessness-as well as suicidal thoughts and behaviors-increased by about 40 percent among young people in the 10 years leading up to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The CDC also reports that during the pandemic, 29 percent of U.S. high school students had a parent or caregiver who lost their job, 55 percent were emotionally abused by a parent or caregiver, and 11 percent were physically abused; and

WHEREAS, School psychologists provide direct consultations and training to improve mental wellness among our youth; and

WHEREAS, This body is committed to improving youth mental health outcomes for families across the state; and

WHEREAS, The objective of National School Psychology Week in the State of New York is to raise awareness of the important work of school psychologists in our communities; the week provides an opportunity for professionals and families to engage in discussions about what needs to be done to improve youth mental health outcomes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 6-10, 2023, as National School Psychology 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.

