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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
October 2024, as Information Literacy Month in the
State of New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in participating in
months of observation of significant issues; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize
Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2024, as Information Literacy
Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of
National Information Literacy Month; and

WHEREAS, Information literacy provides the tools and skills to find,
evaluate, and use credible information from all sources in our
constantly evolving world; and

WHEREAS, When taught at an early age and reinforced in educational
institutions, information literacy can lead our citizens to a deeper
appreciation for respecting the authorship of all information through
proper attribution, in order to promote a more cooperative and civil
community; and

WHEREAS, The ability to search, find, decipher, and analyze
different forms of information is a key component in effective
decision-making across various financial, medical, educational, and
industrial fields; and

WHEREAS, Information literacy, as taught in schools and libraries,
is a crucial part of education and will expose students to analytic and
research practices that will better prepare them for changing
technologies; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who are comfortable working with the
informational resources available in the digital world are able to seek
highly skilled jobs and compete at high levels in the global economy;
and

WHEREAS, Information literacy encourages individuals to draw
conclusions, make informed decisions, and apply knowledge to using new
technology concepts; it also supports creative thinking that may develop
innovative products and processes using technology; and

WHEREAS, Using information acquired through technology to understand
human, cultural, and societal issues promotes an informed and engaged
citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Through public awareness, the State of New York seeks to
remind citizens, employers, government agencies, and institutions of the
importance of information literacy for economic prosperity, social
cohesion, educational opportunity, and an enhanced quality of life; now,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2024, as Information Literacy 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.