

BY: Senator MAYER

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
May 15 to June 15, 2024, as Tourette Syndrome
Awareness Month in New York State

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 15 to June 15, 2024, as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month in New York State, in conjunction with the observance of National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Lack of public awareness has increased the social stigma attached to Tourette Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and treatment of Tourette Syndrome can prevent physical and psychological harm; and

WHEREAS, There is no known cure for Tourette Syndrome and treatment involves multiple medications and therapies with costs that can be prohibitive; and

WHEREAS, The Tourette Association of America (TAA) is the only national not-for-profit organization dedicated to identifying the cause, finding the cure, and controlling the effects of Tourette Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, The Tourette Association of America (TAA) has designated May 15 to June 15 as National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month, the goal being to educate the public about the nature and effects of Tourette Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious health condition, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and National levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 15 to June 15, 2024, as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month in New York State, and to recognize the impact Tourette Syndrome can have on people living with the disorder, and the importance of an early diagnosis and proper treatment of Tourette Syndrome; 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.