

Senate Resolution No. 184

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 17-23, 2023, as Sheriff's Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding, and this Legislative Body is moved to honor those individuals who serve to preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 17-23, 2023, as Sheriff's Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff's Week is held each year beginning on the second Sunday after Labor Day; and

WHEREAS, The Empire State values all sectors of law enforcement, and appreciates its many members, who are dedicated to preserving and protecting the safety of our communities; and

WHEREAS, The annual observance of Sheriff's Week has been designated as September 17-23, 2023, and highlights the service and contributions of county sheriffs as a distinct and vital component of municipal government; and

WHEREAS, Since its creation as one of the first public offices in colonial America, the Office of Sheriff has been an integral part of the criminal justice system in New York State, having been established in our state's first Constitution; and

WHEREAS, While its function, status, and powers have changed over the course of its existence, the Office of Sheriff has been a constant and invaluable presence within the law enforcement community of our state; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Sheriff is unique and its duties encompass many facets of public service, such as maintaining county jails, providing security in courts, dispatching emergency services, and serving and executing the civil process for the court system; and

WHEREAS, As a constitutionally-established public office, the Office of Sheriff is directly accountable to the public it serves, fulfilling a distinctive and crucial public safety role in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 17-23, 2023, as Sheriff's 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.