

**BY:** Senator PERSAUD

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2023, as Cyber Security Awareness Month in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious 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, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2023, as Cyber Security Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS,** Cyber Security is the mechanism that maximizes our ability to grow commerce, communications, community and content in a connected world; and

**WHEREAS,** National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM), observed each October, was created as a collaborative effort between government and industry to ensure every American has the resources to stay safer and more secure online; and

**WHEREAS,** NCSAM was established in 2003, under leadership from the United States Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance; since its inception, NCSAM has grown exponentially, reaching consumers, small and medium-sized businesses, corporations, educational institutions and young people across the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** It is critical for anyone using the internet to continually learn about and consistently practice good cyber security habits; organizations must also implement a plan for employee education, training and awareness that emphasizes risk management, resistance and resilience; and

**WHEREAS,** Realizing the full potential of our ever-evolving digital lives can only happen when a culture of cyber security and privacy serves as the foundation; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious issue, 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 October 2023, as Cyber Security Awareness 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.