

BY: Senator COMRIE

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 22-28, 2023, as Respiratory Care Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks 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 22-28, 2023, as Respiratory Care Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Respiratory Care Week; and

WHEREAS, Hard-working doctors, nurses and respiratory therapists, primarily in the United States and Canada, care for patients with breathing difficulties due to chronic conditions like asthma; and

WHEREAS, Celebrated annually, Respiratory Care Week highlights the information we need to keep us breathing well so we can enjoy a great quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Encouraging therapists and departments to organize events and festivities within their workplaces and communities in order to help to celebrate, motivate and encourage patients and their families in their battles against lung disease; educate by taking awareness of lung diseases like COPD and asthma to the community; inspire by building the desire in others to enter the respiratory care profession; and learn by maximizing personal and professional skills with new resources; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health 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 22-28, 2023, as Respiratory Care 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.