

Assembly Resolution No. 195

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 3, 2023, as Navy Reserve Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the 108th Anniversary of the establishment of the Navy Reserve

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate special days in honor of the people, organizations, and institutions that represent the best of New York State and of our Nation; 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 March 3, 2023, as Navy Reserve Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the 108th Anniversary of the establishment of the Navy Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Navy Reserve Day commemorates the establishment of the United States Navy Reserve in 1915, and is celebrated annually by Navy Reservists, military families, and veterans of the Navy Reserves on March 3rd of each year; and

WHEREAS, Legislation was passed by the United States Congress to establish the United States Navy Reserve, originally known as the United States Federal Naval Reserve and later as the United States Naval Reserve Force (USNRF), on March 3rd of 1915 in anticipation of the United States' entry into World War I; and

WHEREAS, Over 2,000,000 United States service members were transported to the European theatre of World War I with the help of the United States Naval Reserve Force, with USNRF personnel making up over half of the overall United States Naval Force by the end of World War I and nearly 85 percent of the United States Naval Force by the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, What is today known as the United States Navy Reserve has its roots in the American Revolution, when citizens of the seaside town of Machias, Maine and the surrounding countryside commandeered the loyalist ship Unity to engage the HMS Margaretta of the British Navy, defeating her in the first naval battle of the American Revolution, capturing the vessel, and sailing her under the name Machias Liberty for future engagements in the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Citizen-sailors have answered their Nation's call and fought valiantly on behalf of the United States and her people in nearly every armed conflict in American history; and

WHEREAS, Five presidents of the United States, 15 Medal of Honor recipients, and countless patriots have served their Nation with dignity and distinction in the United States Navy Reserve; and

WHEREAS, The strength and stability of the United States of America

relies upon a disciplined and committed citizenry to stand in the breach when our Nation and her interests are imperiled; and

WHEREAS, The United States Navy Reserve is one of the primary ways our Nation cultivates a body of well-prepared patriots to call upon during her time of need; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body encourages all New Yorkers to serve their community and their Nation in some capacity, and should commend all who have sworn an oath to do so; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 3, 2023, as Navy Reserve Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, and the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States of America and Commander in Chief of the United States Armed Forces.