

Assembly Resolution No. 200

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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
March 31, 2023, as NY FIRST Robotics Day in the  
State of New York

**WHEREAS**, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase interest towards science and technology in 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 March 31, 2023, as NY FIRST Robotics Day in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, FIRST is "For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology"; and

**WHEREAS**, Robotics is rapidly proving to be one of the most effective, compelling and engaging means for teaching and reinforcing fundamental science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) concepts; as well as inspiring the Nation's youth to pursue STEM-related careers to create a highly-skilled future workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States has the largest number of academic and research organizations with dedicated programs focused on the advancement of robotics technology; and

**WHEREAS**, Robotics has matured into an all-encompassing and enabling technology that is positioned to fuel a broad array of next generation products and applications, and transform our society; and

**WHEREAS**, The emerging market for robotics and related technology in various sectors, including health care, national defense, homeland security, energy, manufacturing, logistics, transportation, agriculture, education, consumer goods, and others, is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of nearly 20 percent over the next few years to become a worldwide \$27,000,000,000 industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Robotics is a critical technology capable in the near term of contributing to the economic recovery by creating new jobs, increasing productivity, improving quality, and increasing worker safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Aptitude in mathematics, science, and engineering is essential for a knowledge-based society; and

**WHEREAS**, NY FIRST Robotics Day encourages the State to raise awareness of the importance and contributions of the advancements in the robotics industry; the day urges State and local agencies to fund afterschool robotics programs and schools and educators to observe the day with activities that teach and engage students about the study of

mathematics and science; and

**WHEREAS,** There is a strong need to recognize America's leadership in robotics technology, educate the public on robotics technology's broad potential, growing importance, and future impact on American society, underscore the need for increased investment in robotics technology research and development; now, therefore, it be

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 31, 2023, as NY FIRST Robotics Day 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.