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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 14, 2023, as IgA Nephropathy Awareness 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 awareness of serious illnesses 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 May 14, 2023, as IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** 20 years ago, Bonnie Schneider founded the IgA Nephropathy Foundation after her son's diagnosis to create a support hub for people living with IgA Nephropathy; and

**WHEREAS,** IgA Nephropathy (IgAN) is an autoimmune disease that attacks the kidneys and affects how blood is filtered in the small blood vessels of the kidneys; IgAN occurs when an abnormal protein damages the filtering unit, the glomerulus, inside the kidneys; and

**WHEREAS,** It is estimated that 20-40% of the people who have IgAN will develop end-stage kidney disease, which means they will need dialysis or a kidney transplantation to survive; and

**WHEREAS,** IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day is meant to bring communities together to celebrate one another and to raise more awareness for promoting early diagnosis and treatment of this tragic illness; and

**WHEREAS,** This year, May 14, 2023, falls on Mother's Day, and the IgA Nephropathy Foundation aims to celebrate all family, including the family you're born with and the family you find, with a myriad of special events to raise awareness for IgA Nephropathy; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious health condition, 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 May 14, 2023, as IgA Nephropathy Awareness 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; and the IgA Nephropathy Foundation.