

Assembly Resolution No. 503

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
May 2023, as Tennis Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The great State of New York recognizes and appreciates the importance of sports such as tennis as a leisure activity, as an essential aspect of our educational system, and as a profession, and applauds those who devote themselves to training, often for many years, developing their skills, honing their talents, and gaining mental acuity and a well-earned sense of self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2023, as Tennis Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Tennis Month; and

WHEREAS, On May 21, 1881, the United States Tennis Association (USTA), originally known as the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, was founded in New York City to create rules and standards for the emerging game of lawn tennis; and

WHEREAS, The USTA is the not-for-profit, national governing body for tennis in the United States, and leads the promotion and growth of the sport at every level of play, from beginners to professionals at the US Open; and

WHEREAS, The USTA is the largest tennis organization in the world, with over 550,000 members from every corner of the country; and

WHEREAS, The USTA proudly partners with local tennis programs to showcase the important health, social, and educational benefits of tennis, and make the sport available to everyone, regardless of age, environment, condition, or ability, through its USTA Adaptive grants; and

WHEREAS, The latest research by the Physical Activity Council shows that more than 23.6 million Americans played tennis in 2022, an unprecedented 33 percent increase in participation over 2019 and the highest number of players since the PAC study began in 2007; and

WHEREAS, By increasing the accessibility of tennis for New Yorkers of all ages and ability, the USTA has contributed to making New York communities happier and healthier; and

WHEREAS, USTA has declared the month of May as National Tennis Month to encourage players, organizations, facilities, retailers, tennis manufacturers and more to promote local programs and activities, at parks and facilities to showcase tennis and spread the word about the sport and its benefits, and to help players and non-players alike find courts and play opportunities in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2023, as Tennis Month in the State of New York, and extend to all those affiliated with the organization sincere best wishes for the future; 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 United States Tennis Association.