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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
July 23, 2023, as Bubbles and Icees Day in the State
of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which enhance the profile of cultural diversity in New York State, while strengthening the fabric of their communities; 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 July 23, 2023, as Bubbles and Icees Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Bubbles and Icees Day was started in 2017 by community advocate and youth mentor, Anthony Beckford, at Nostrand Playground in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was expanded to several other parks throughout Brooklyn; Bubbles and Icees Day celebrates the need for youth to engage in rich wholesome fun and for their families to be provided with much needed resources and services; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of Bubbles and Icees Day is to raise awareness of the need for more programming and recreational needs for youth and to strengthen the community relationship with young people; this provides an outlet for youth to engage with each other and to help create healthy social experiences; and

WHEREAS, On July 23, 2017, Bubbles and Icees Day was established; this year marks the sixth year of Bubbles and Icees programming being implemented throughout New York and also celebrates the first year to be recognized by the State; and

WHEREAS, Over 10,000 youth and their families have been entertained and serviced due to programming of games, mentorship, resources and services as a result of Bubbles and Icees Day; and

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 23, 2023, as Bubbles and Icees 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 Community Organizations who provide programming to the youth across the State