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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 12, 2023, as Military Spouse Appreciation Day in the State of New York

**WHEREAS**, America's military spouses are the backbone of the families who support our troops during mission, deployment, reintegration and reset; and

**WHEREAS**, Military spouses are silent heroes who are essential to the strength of the nation, and they serve our country just like their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 12, 2023, as Military Spouse Appreciation Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Military Spouse Appreciation Month; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 17, 1984, President Ronald Reagan recognized the profound importance of spousal commitment to the readiness and well-being of military members with Proclamation 5184; Congress officially made Military Spouse Appreciation Day part of National Military Appreciation Month in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, Subsequently, the Department of Defense standardized the date by declaring the Friday before Mother's Day every year as Military Spouse Appreciation Day; and

**WHEREAS**, On Military Spouse Appreciation Day, we honor the contribution and sacrifices made by military spouses whose commitment and support help to keep our country safe; military spouses truly have a great impact on our lives and our military communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Military spouses share a bond with each other, and share valuable information pertaining to military news, benefits, fitness, and so much more; and

**WHEREAS**, In celebration of Military Spouse Appreciation Day, the armed forces host special events and programs to inform, honor, and recognize military spouses around the world; events range from spouse appreciation luncheons to educational workshops, and spouse employment fairs which pay tribute to military spouses; and

**WHEREAS**, National Military Spouse Appreciation Month recognizes the spouses of those on active duty in all branches of the services, the National Guard and Reserves, military retirees, and veterans; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 12, 2023, as Military Spouse Appreciation 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.