Senate Resolution No. 141

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2025, as Polish American Heritage Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those months that are set aside to serve to enhance the cultural enrichment of the State of New York and preserve the heritage of Polish-Americans; 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 October 2025, as Polish American Heritage Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Polish American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Polish Americans have made significant lasting contributions to New York State's commonweal in medicine, science, business, commerce, politics, the arts, music, literature, and education; and

WHEREAS, Polish Americans have also contributed to altering the physical landscape of the cities they have inhabited, erecting monuments to Polish American heroes such as General Thaddeus Kosciuszko and General Casimir Pulaski; distinctive cultural phenomena such as vibrant Polish American Cultural Societies or the Polish Cathedral style of architecture became part and parcel of the areas where Polish settlement occurred; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize those important events such as Polish American Heritage Month which remind us of the rich and diverse heritage of our great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Events which celebrate diversity and peace contribute to fulfilling our Nation's great legacy of equal opportunity for all, and do so profoundly enhance our shared commitment to freedom and justice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2025, as Polish American Heritage Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Polish American Heritage Month; 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.