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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2026, as Cyber Security Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues 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 October 2026, as Cyber Security Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Cyber Security is the mechanism that maximizes our ability to grow commerce, communications, community, and content in a connected world; and

WHEREAS, National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM), observed each October, was created as a collaborative effort between government and industry to ensure every American has the resources to stay safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, NCSAM was established in 2004, under leadership from the United States Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance; since its inception, NCSAM has grown exponentially, reaching consumers, small and medium-sized businesses, corporations, educational institutions, and young people across the nation; and

WHEREAS, It is critical for anyone using the internet to continually learn about and consistently practice good cyber security habits; organizations must also implement a plan for employee education, training, and awareness that emphasizes risk management, resistance, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Realizing the full potential of our ever-evolving digital lives can only happen when a culture of cyber security and privacy serves as the foundation; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious issue, 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 October 2026, as Cyber Security Awareness Month 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.