Senate Resolution No. 209

BY: Senator PARKER

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 1-7, 2025, as Testicular Cancer Awareness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks 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 April 1-7, 2025, as Testicular Cancer Awareness Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Testicular Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Testicular cancer is the most common type of cancer in men ages 15-35 years, but can affect men of all ages; and

WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program estimates that in 2022, approximately 8,850 men in the United States were diagnosed with testicular cancer; and

WHEREAS, Testicular Cancer Awareness Week is to heighten the awareness of this disease and other preventable health problems as well as to encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys; and

WHEREAS, Educating both the public and health care providers about the importance of early detection of testicular cancer will result in reducing rates of mortality for this disease; and

WHEREAS, Appropriate use of tests in conjunction with clinical examination and self-testing for problems can result in the detection of many of these problems in their early stages and increases the survival rates to nearly 100 percent; and

WHEREAS, Many men are reluctant to visit their health center or physician for regular screening examinations of male related problems for a variety of reasons including fear, lack of information, and cost factors; and

WHEREAS, Men who are educated about the value that preventative health can play in prolonging their lifespan and their roles as a productive family member will be more likely to participate in health screenings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 1-7, 2025, as Testicular Cancer Awareness Week in the State of New York; and be it

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.