

BY: Senator MURRAY

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
June 2026 as Adopt a Shelter Cat Month in the State
of New York

WHEREAS, Animal shelters and rescue organizations throughout the State of New York provide compassionate care, medical treatment, protection, and temporary housing for abandoned, neglected, abused, and homeless cats; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated shelter employees, veterinarians, foster families, volunteers, and rescue advocates work tirelessly to ensure that cats in need are provided with safe environments and opportunities to find permanent, loving homes; and

WHEREAS, Adopting shelter cats provides companionship and comfort to individuals and families, reduces shelter overcrowding, and supports responsible pet ownership throughout communities across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Companion animals have been shown to provide emotional, psychological, and physical health benefits, including reducing stress, decreasing loneliness, and improving overall well-being and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Adopt a Shelter Cat Month, also known as National Adopt a Cat Month, is observed each June to raise awareness of the many cats residing in shelters and rescue organizations and to encourage individuals and families to consider adoption when seeking companion animals; and

WHEREAS, Promoting shelter adoption combats animal homelessness, supports humane treatment of animals, and advances the important mission of animal welfare organizations throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to recognize the importance of shelter cat adoption and to commend those organizations and individuals who dedicate themselves to the care and placement of homeless animals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2026 as Adopt a Shelter Cat Month 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 to such other individuals and organizations as may be deemed appropriate.