Assembly Resolution No. 1380

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2026, as Foster Care Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the children of today are the citizens and leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, It is the further sense of this Legislative Body that the children of the State of New York are our most precious resource and that, as such, they merit the support, encouragement and protection of this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2026, as Foster Care Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Foster Care Month; and

WHEREAS, The designation of the month of May as Foster Care Month is illustrative of this Legislative Body's commitment to acknowledging foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals, and other members of the community who help children and youth in foster care find permanent homes and connections; and

WHEREAS, The proclamation of May as Foster Care Month also renews the commitment to ensuring a bright future for the more than 400,000 children and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Month is set aside to promote opportunities and contribute to lifting the quality of life of the youth of this noble Empire State, while advancing that spirit of united purpose and shared concern which is the unalterable manifestation of our American experience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2026, as Foster Care Month in the State of New York, recognizing the significance of the role the children of New York State will play in shaping the future of our State, our society, and our government; 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.