Assembly Resolution No. 602

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim August 1-10, 2025, as Adirondack Water Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Healthy rivers and lakes have been essential for the spiritual, cultural and physical wellbeing of Indigenous people for centuries; in 1892 the Adirondack Park was created to protect New York State's water resources; and

WHEREAS, Today clean Adirondack water is critical for health, safety, recreational enjoyment, spiritual relationships, tourism, and economic vitality for all; it also provides important habitat for plants and animals and supports ecosystem functions; and

WHEREAS, Adirondack Water Week is held the first week of August; and

WHEREAS, Adirondack Water Week is an annual week-long celebration of the region's freshwater resources; and

WHEREAS, Through events, programs, field trips and hands-on projects, Adirondack Water Week is an opportunity for the public to reflect on the importance of our lakes, rivers and wetlands, gaining greater awareness about watershed issues, as well as getting out and enjoying the region's waterways; and

WHEREAS, Started by Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institute in 2020, Adirondack Water Week is a collaborative effort involving local businesses, community members, visitors, nonprofit organizations, municipalities, lake associations, state and county agencies, and colleges and universities; the event strengthens partnerships through collaborative events and actions that highlight our region's waters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim August 1-10, 2025, as Adirondack Water Week 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.