Assembly Resolution No. 641

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim December 10, 2025, as Human Rights Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the duty of a community to recognize those within its midst who have contributed to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim December 10, 2025, as Human Rights Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with International Human Rights Day; and

WHEREAS, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a milestone document in the history of human rights that was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, and represented the first global expression of rights to which all human beings are entitled; and

WHEREAS, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which arose directly from the experience of the Second World War, was drafted by representatives of different cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world and is a commitment to universal dignity and justice with its core values and inherent human dignity, non-discrimination, equality, fairness and universally applying to everyone, everywhere and always; and

WHEREAS, Since its adoption, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been and continues to be a source of inspiration for National and International efforts to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and that an essential element in the protection of human rights is a widespread knowledge and understanding among people of what their rights are and how they can be defended; and

WHEREAS, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is worldwide, enduring and vibrant and concerns us all, and it is our duty to ensure that these rights are a living reality, that they are known, understood and enjoyed by everyone, everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Human Rights transcend culture, ethnicity, social and economic status; this Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, is proud to promote and protect our basic human dignity, as we embrace wisdom, compassion, courage, and humility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim December 10, 2025, as Human Rights Day 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.