Assembly Resolution No. 719

BY: M. of A. Solages

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 12-16, 2025, as Infant Mental Health Awareness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and observe the importance of the mental health of residents across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 12-16, 2025, as Infant Mental Health Awareness Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Infant mental health reflects the crucial first five years of a child's life in which they grow mentally, through observations of their emotional capacity, as well as in their primary relationships; and

WHEREAS, Infant mental health is dependent on the love and care that a child receives because the overall quality of the primary relationships in an infant's life dictate their choices and potential future experiences and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Loving and nurturing relationships offer a child a sense of emotional security; this emotional security allows a child the courage to explore the world and succeed far more; and

WHEREAS, During the initial five years of a child's life the foundation for proper social and emotional development are conceived and a child's understanding of self-worth and self-confidence are constructed; these necessary emotional developmental traits are crucial to success in school and life; and

WHEREAS, Without the proper care and affection during these initial five years, a child can become depressed, restless, and attention-starved, leading them to seek out solace from dangerous situations; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize those vital days which remind us of the importance of establishing a foundation of mental health for all adults; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 12-16, 2025, as Infant Mental Health Awareness 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.