Assembly Resolution No. 760

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2025, as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious health issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize GovernorKathy Hochul to proclaim June 2025, as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Monthin the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Myasthenia Gravis (MG) is an autoimmune disorder causing extreme muscle weakness which can impact a person's ability to see, smile, swallow, walk, talk and breathe; furthermore, this disorder is often misdiagnosed; it can becontrollable by medication and other treatments for most MG patients, and although rare, it can prove fatal; and

WHEREAS, Though it can affect people of any age, women under 40 and men over 60 are more likely to be diagnosed with myasthenia gravis; and

WHEREAS, Because of its rarity, approximately 70,000 people are living with MG in the United States today, often many Americans are undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc. (MGFA) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1952; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, MGFA steadfastly facilitates the timely diagnosis and optimal care of individuals affected by Myasthenia Gravis and improves their lives through programs of patient services, support groups, public information, medical research, professional education, advocacy and patient care; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2025, as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month; 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.