

**BY:** Senator GALLIVAN

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
October 2021, as Polish American Heritage Month in  
the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those months that are set aside to serve to enhance the cultural enrichment of the State of New York and preserve the heritage of Polish-Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2021, as Polish American Heritage Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Polish American Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS,** Polish Americans have made significant lasting contributions to New York State's commonweal in medicine, science, business, commerce, politics, the arts, music, literature, and education; and

**WHEREAS,** Polish Americans have also contributed to altering the physical landscape of the cities they have inhabited, erecting monuments to Polish American heroes such as General Thaddeus Kosciuszko and General Casimir Pulaski; distinctive cultural phenomena such as vibrant Polish American Cultural Societies or the Polish Cathedral style of architecture became part and parcel of the areas where Polish settlement occurred; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize those important events such as Polish American Heritage Month which remind us of the rich and diverse heritage of our great State and Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Events which celebrate diversity and peace contribute to fulfilling our Nation's great legacy of equal opportunity for all, and do so profoundly enhance our shared commitment to freedom and justice; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2021, as Polish American Heritage Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Polish American Heritage 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.