

**BY:** Senator HOYLMAN

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 7-14, 2022, as Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 7-14, 2022, as Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of February 14, 2022, as National Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Day; and

**WHEREAS,** Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA) is the only nonprofit in the country dedicated solely to the unique needs of the nearly 2 million adults who were born with heart defects; and

**WHEREAS,** The Adult Congenital Heart Association empowers and supports all those who were born with a heart defect, their loved ones, and the medical community who cares for them in New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Congenital heart defect (CHD) is the most common birth defect in the United States, with nearly 1 in 100 babies born each year with CHD; and

**WHEREAS,** Advances and innovations in pediatric cardiology have increased long-term survival of children born with CHD; and

**WHEREAS,** For more than a decade, the number of adults with CHD exceeds the number of children with CHD and this number continues to grow exponentially; and

**WHEREAS,** Congenital heart disease requires lifelong specialized cardiac care; and

**WHEREAS,** The mission of ACHA is to empower the CHD community by advancing access to resources and specialized care that improve patient-centered outcomes; and

**WHEREAS,** Remaining true to its mission, Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week and Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Day honors and celebrates New York residents with CHD and their contributions to our community; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious health condition, 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 February 7-14, 2022, as Congenital Heart Disease 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.