Senate Resolution No. 2011

BY: Senator PALUMBO

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 24, 2024, as Long Island Sound Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase public awareness of, and appreciation for, the natural resources of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is moved to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 24, 2024, as Long Island Sound Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Sound, which stretches from New York City to southern Westchester County, Connecticut, and the northern shores of Long Island, is a place where saltwater from the Atlantic Ocean mixes with water from in-land rivers and upwelling groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Commercial and recreational activities in the Long Island Sound generate upwards of 9 billion dollars in the economy every year; 500,000 boats are registered in the area of the Long Island Sound, and nearly 750,000 recreational fishermen utilize this extraordinary natural resource; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Sound is 21 miles wide at its widest points and 113 miles long; it has 600 miles of coastline; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Sound is home to sea turtles and more than 120 species of finfish, as well as several shark species; and

WHEREAS, Several bird species can be found including the American Oystercatchers, Piping Plovers, Saltmarsh Sparrows, Roseate Terns, Snowy Egrets, Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, and Ospreys; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, both river otters and humpback whales, who had not been seen in more than a century, can once again be found in the Long Island Sound due to the incredible efforts that have been made to rehabilitate the area; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Sound is a destination appreciated by both residents and visitors who seek the natural, scenic, and recreational qualities of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, New York joins with its sister state, Connecticut in declaring the Friday before Memorial Day as Long Island Sound Day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 24, 2024, as Long Island Sound 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.