Senate Resolution No. 2421

BY: Senator ROLISON

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2024, as Alzheimer's and Brain 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 issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2024 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 6 million people living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia in the United States, 410,000 of whom are New York State residents; and

WHEREAS, Every 65 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's, which could result in an estimated 460,000 New Yorkers living with the disease by 2025; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's kills more people than breast and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, The total cost of caring for those in the United States with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is estimated at $355 billion in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Average per-person Medicare spending for seniors with Alzheimer's is almost three times higher than average per-person spending for all other seniors; under Medicaid, spending is, on average, 23 times higher; and

WHEREAS, Caregivers provide approximately 15.3 billion unpaid hours of care, of which New York caregivers account for 586 million hours, valued over 14 billion dollars, to their loved ones who are living with Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, Findings from two national surveys reveal that discrimination is a barrier to Alzheimer's and dementia care; more than one-third of Black Americans (36%), and nearly one-fifth of Hispanic Americans (18%) and Asian Americans (19%), believe discrimination would be a barrier to receiving Alzheimer's care; and

WHEREAS, In addition, half or more of non-White caregivers say they have experienced discrimination when navigating health care settings for their care recipient; 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 2024, as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.