Senate Resolution No. 252

BY: Senator PERSAUD

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 28, 2023, as World Hunger Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to help increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of many citizens of New York State; 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 proclaim May 28, 2023, as World Hunger Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Hunger Day; and

WHEREAS, Hunger is not just about food; hunger and poverty are inextricably linked to a nexus of issues including: healthcare, decent work opportunities, education, social justice, the rights of women and girls, the environment and climate change; and

WHEREAS, The Hunger Project, which initiated World Hunger Day, uses an innovative, holistic approach that tackles all these issues, and empowers people living in hunger to become the agents of their own development and lift their communities above the poverty line for good - this is the sustainable end of poverty; and

WHEREAS, More than 820 million people in the world do not have enough food; and

WHEREAS, Hunger is also a grave concern for the State of New York; it is essential to eliminate this serious concern and to increase public awareness of the extent to which it exists; and

WHEREAS, According to Feeding America, there are more than 2.6 million New Yorkers, or one in eight people, who are considered food insecure, meaning they do not have enough food to live a healthy life; and

WHEREAS, For the youngest residents of the State of New York, food insecurity is more prevalent, affecting one in five children; furthermore, as of 2018, New York State has an estimated 91,897 citizens experiencing homelessness on any given day; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is fully committed to bringing awareness to solving hunger and homelessness in all its communities, as well as providing necessary resources to residents in need; and

WHEREAS, New York is committed to working with food pantries, shelters, and other service organizations which need support; these organizations provide food, secure places to sleep, and other aids to those who need it the most; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this 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 May 28, 2023, as World Hunger 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.