

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.