

**BY:** Senator PERSAUD

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 10, 2023, as Encourage a Young Writer Day in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of initiatives which better the lives of New Yorkers; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 10, 2023, as Encourage a Young Writer Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observation of National Encourage a Young Writer Day; and

**WHEREAS,** Writing is a form of personal freedom, allowing the author to express their thoughts and feelings in their own imaginative and poetic way; and

**WHEREAS,** Writing can be difficult and challenging at times, but immensely fun; Encourage a Young Writer Day is meant to inspire young people with a vivid imagination to express their ideas by developing their writing skills; and

**WHEREAS,** There are many ways to support a young writer such as buy them a journal, offer writing prompts, encourage them to read, inspire them to try multiple writing styles and different voices, and create a young writer's group; and

**WHEREAS,** In many ways, writing is an art; the arts, in whatever form depicted, are truly central to human expression; and

**WHEREAS,** The Academy of Young Writers, a community school located at 1065 Elton Street in Brooklyn, New York, incorporates the core values of respect, kindness, safety and empathy into students' scholastic and creative pursuits; and

**WHEREAS,** It is essential that we take the time to encourage our young writers to convey their personal truths about humanity, and to express their hopes and dreams through their writing; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 10, 2023, as Encourage a Young Writer Day 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; and the student body, faculty and staff of The Academy for Young Writers of Brooklyn, New York.