Senate Resolution No. 321

BY: Senator HINCHEY

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 18-25, 2023, as National FFA Organization Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to support and promote the historic and significant observance of National FFA Organization, formerly know as Future Farmers of America (FFA), Week in the State of New York; 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 to proclaim February 18-25, 2023, as National FFA Organization Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The National FFA Organization motto: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve, gives direction and purpose to those students who take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education and leadership; and

WHEREAS, The National FFA Organization develops members' potential and helps them to discover their talent through hands-on experiences, giving the tools to achieve real-world success; these members are future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields; and

WHEREAS, New York FFA has 161 chapters across New York and over 9,000 active students involved; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for the National FFA Organization as a service to state and local agricultural education programs; and

WHEREAS, In accomplishing its mission, National FFA Organization has made a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education, promoting citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Agricultural education and National FFA Organzation ensure a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing needs in the science, business and technology of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Agricultural education in New York affects and instructs students in all parts of the State, and through their efforts, the officers and members of New York FFA are achieving increased levels of national recognition for themselves, and their schools and communities, as well as New York agriculture; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and

applaud the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York and to the quality of life of its people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 18-25, 2023, as National FFA Organization Week 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.