Senate Resolution No. 810

BY: Senator CHU

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 23-29, 2023, as Library Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those community-based organizations which unselfishly devote their energy, resources and thoughtful care on behalf of improving the quality and character of life in that community; 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 April 23-29, 2023, as Library Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Library Week; and

WHEREAS, National Library Week is a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians, and library workers through this year's theme, "There's More to the Story"; and

WHEREAS, First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week marks its 65th Anniversary in 2023, as a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April; and

WHEREAS, Libraries are a treasured part of American culture, and a valuable resource on a wide variety of popular topics, inspiring people to read, helping to improve incomes and health, and encouraging the development of strong, happy lives; and

WHEREAS, Not only places to borrow books, but libraries also serve as creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate and use new technologies to further their skills and passions; and

WHEREAS, Libraries serve as a resource for students, small business owners, English-language learners, older adults, life-long learners, and many others who depend on all of the resources our libraries have to offer; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of New York stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Our nation's libraries may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of its communities; and

WHEREAS, Librarians are the foundation of libraries, providing access to a lifetime of learning opportunities, building intercultural understanding and the programming which makes libraries an immense

resources to New York State's communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 23-29, 2023, as Library 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; Roxana Benavides, Britt Buckenroth, Michael Burnett, Ashley Cassidy, Kelly Harris, Giavanna Iannace, Jenna Landon, Becky Leatherstich, Susan Rollings, and Rebecca Rosas, nominated and recognized as outstanding librarians in the State of New York.