Senate Resolution No. 945

BY: Senator TEDISCO

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2023, as Dysautonomia Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Dysautonomia Awareness Month

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to bring awareness to the major health concerns that exist within this State and Nation, and to honor those organizations which work towards addressing these concerns and creating treatments and cures for life threatening illnesses; and

WHEREAS, From time to time, society calls upon these individuals and organizations to be recognized for the significance of their contributions and efforts to assist others in the arena of public health; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the efforts of Dysautonomia International, a non-profit organization which seeks to improve the lives of individuals living with autonomic nervous system disorders through research, physician education, public awareness and patient empowerment programs; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the automatic nervous system, which is responsible for "automatic" bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, temperature control and more; and

WHEREAS, Some forms of dysautonomia are considered rare diseases, such as Multiple System Atrophy and Pure Autonomic Failure, while other forms of dysautonomia are common, impacting millions of people in the United States and around the world, such as Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Neurocardiogenic Syncope and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia impacts people of every age, gender, race or background, including many individuals living here in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Some forms of dysautonomia can be very disabling and this disability can result in social isolation, stress on the families of those impacted, and financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia can result in death, causing tremendous emotional pain and suffering for the loved ones of those inflicted; and

WHEREAS, Increased awareness about dysautonomia will help get patients diagnosed and treated earlier, save lives, and foster support for individuals and families coping with dysautonomia in our communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2023, as Dysautonomia Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Dysautonomia Awareness Month; 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 Dysautonomia International.