Senate Resolution No. 95

BY: Senator PARKER

MEMORIALIZING Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2023, as Agriculture Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2023, as Agriculture Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Agriculture Month; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture continues to rank as the number one industry in New York State; and

WHEREAS, The value added to New York's economy by agriculture accounts for more than $4.7 billion annually and plays an essential role in maintaining a strong economy; and

WHEREAS, The agriculture industry is an integral segment of New York State's economy and a major employer of labor from all phases of agricultural production; and

WHEREAS, Every day, farmers invest their time, energy and passion into producing wholesome and nutritious products; and

WHEREAS, New York's farmers have historically been the stewards of the land, contributing to the State's diverse agricultural landscapes through responsible conservation practices and investments in technology; and

WHEREAS, They also shape New York's food system and act as not only producers but also as nutrition educators, providing us with a safe, plentiful, affordable and nourishing food supply; and

WHEREAS, New York's agricultural products have been shown to promote weight loss, and overall improved health; and

WHEREAS, Commemorating Agriculture Month will build awareness of the benefits of the agriculture industry in New York and encourage young people to consider agriculture as a career; and

WHEREAS, New York Agriculture Month provides the opportunity for all New Yorkers to better appreciate agriculture's breadth and beauty, how food and fiber products are produced, and the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the contributions of the agriculture industry and New York's farmers, and to join with farmers and consumers all across the State to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2023, as Agriculture Month 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.