Assembly Resolution No. 2145

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 13-19, 2024, as Home Fire Sprinkler Awareness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the safety and health of citizens of New York State; 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 May 13-19, 2024, as Home Fire Sprinkler Awareness Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Home Fire Sprinkler Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, 142 civilians died in New York State from home fires, more than any other state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Due to the composition of today's construction material and furniture, a home fire has the potential to produce toxic fumes and become deadly in less than two minutes, the after effects of which are life-changing; and

WHEREAS, While residents should feel safe in their homes, it is also where they have the greatest risk of injury or death from fire; and

WHEREAS, Home fires also put the health of our firefighters at risk through exposure to airborne toxins and carcinogenic materials that can cause serious, long-term health problems for firefighters and, potentially, their families; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Fire Services' promotion of smoke alarms and other fire prevention methods have already helped to reduce fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, All New York residents are encouraged to educate themselves about the dangers of home fires, the unparalleled benefits of home fire sprinklers, and to embrace this technology in all newly built homes; and

WHEREAS, Combined with working smoke alarms and proper fire escape planning, fire sprinklers in all new homes can reverse the deadly impact of home fires; and

WHEREAS, By taking part in a national week of action, let us recognize that protecting newly built homes with fire sprinklers will make our future safer for residents, first responders, and entire communities for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 13-19, 2024, as Home

Fire Sprinkler Awareness Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Home Fire Sprinkler Awareness Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of the Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.