Assembly Resolution No. 2170

BY: M. of A. Rules (Reyes)

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2024, as Workers' Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months set aside to increase awareness of serious matters that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2024, as Workers' Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of International Workers' Day; and

WHEREAS, Increasing employment has remained a top priority for New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, representing the people of the great Empire State, appreciates all workers, men and women, union and non-union, farm workers, and workers in the private and public sectors, who work every day to make New York more productive and fiscally healthier and stronger; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body also remembers the Haymarket rally in Chicago in 1886, generally considered significant as the origin of May Day, observing workers' rightful demands for an eight-hour workday; and

WHEREAS, During this month, the strong union traditions in New York State as well as the belief in hard work and work ethics for union and non-union workers are proudly recognized and observed as are New York workers' freedom to organize in unions and for collective bargaining; and

WHEREAS, May 1st is recognized and celebrated across the world as May Day, a celebration of laborers and the working classes that is promoted by the international labor movement; and

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2024, as Workers' Awareness 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.