Assembly Resolution No. 2247

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

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to appreciate the great athletic competitions that enhance the lives of citizens in 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 2024, as Wrestling Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Wrestling Month; and

WHEREAS, May 2024 is World Wrestling Month; wrestling refers to the sport of grappling with an opponent and trying to throw or hold them down on the ground; the practice dates back to ancient Sumeria, and the Greeks introduced it to the ancient Olympics in 708 BC as a form of soldiers' training; and

WHEREAS, For the occasion, United World Wrestling has launched "ThisIsWrestling," a social media campaign asking athletes, fans, coaches and members of the wrestling community to share photos and videos of themselves related to wrestling; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, the U.S. Wrestling Foundation, a nationally known non-profit organization, officially launched the first national "LetsWrestle" program to help more high school students prepare for success and overcome challenges through the principles of wrestling; and

WHEREAS, The campaign features prominent and nationally recognized celebrities, who attribute the disciplines learned in wrestling as part of their professional success; this includes actors and actresses from Hollywood, athletes from the NFL and other sports, business leaders and scientists, NASA astronauts, and IndyCar drivers, among others; and

WHEREAS, Wrestling is currently the sixth most popular boys high school sport and is the fastest growing girls high school sport; and

WHEREAS, This month we celebrate the over two millenniums old sport of wrestling worldwide and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to celebrate the historic sport of wrestling; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2024, as Wrestling Month in the State of New York; 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.