Assembly Resolution No. 2437

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 21-25, 2024, as National School Bus Safety Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to ensure that the complete history of our State and Nation is preserved and shared with the present generations of citizens; 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 October 21-25, 2024, as National School Bus Safety Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Studies have proven that the most dangerous part of the school bus ride for children is when they get on and off the bus; it is important to remember to pay close attention to school buses when you see them driving on the street and teach children how to be safe when boarding and exiting the bus; and

WHEREAS, Every October, the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) and state and local safety partners participate in National School Bus Safety Week; and

WHEREAS, National School Bus Safety Week is an opportunity to engage parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators, school administrators, and other interested parties to join forces and address the importance of school bus safety; and

WHEREAS, New York State transports 2.3 million children with more than 50,000 school buses to school every year; and

WHEREAS, Operation Safe Stop is a program that seeks to promote school bus safety through education and enforcement efforts; the goal is to proactively educate motorists about the dangers of passing stopped school buses; it is a cooperative project supported by GTSC, New York Association for Pupil Transportation (NYAPT), the New York State Education Department (NYSED), the New York State School Bus Contractors Association, the student transportation industry, and state, county, city and local law enforcement agencies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 21-25, 2024, as National School Bus Safety Week 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.