Assembly Resolution No. 694

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 24-28, 2023, as Stranger Safety and Education Awareness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in recognizing official weeks established to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 24-28, 2023, as Stranger Safety and Education Awareness Week in the State of New York; each year, the third week in October will be declared Stranger Safety and Education Awareness Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Stranger Safety and Education Awareness Week in the State of New York is to reduce the number of child abductions in America by educating and empowering young minds with the knowledge necessary to avoid abduction; and

WHEREAS, Stranger Safety and Education Awareness Week in the State of New York is so effective in carrying out its mission by spreading its vital message to all elementary school-aged children across the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Utilizing puppets and simple self-defense techniques, the Stranger Safety and Education Awareness Week in the State of New York provides elementary schools with a Safety Awareness Program at no charge; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Stranger Safety and Education Awareness Week in the State of New York has been welcomed into the community with open arms; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when foundations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 24-28, 2023, as Stranger Safety and Education Awareness 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; and Stranger Safety and Awareness Program in the State of New York.