Assembly Resolution No. 896

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 4, 2024, as Marching Music Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to set aside official days to recognize and pay tribute to those who seek to preserve and celebrate marching music and the musical heritage of our State and Nation; 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 March 4, 2024, as Marching Music Day; and

WHEREAS, Marching Music Day celebrates marching music as an engaging and ever-expanding art form around the world; the day also is observed during Music in Our Schools Month; and

WHEREAS, For centuries, the beat of the drum has been used in military units to encourage the soldiers to march in unison; now, marching music ignites excitement in crowds from small parades to impressive spectacles; and

WHEREAS, Honoring the dedicated musicians and performers of many diverse styles and backgrounds, Drum Corps International founded Marching Music Day to celebrate all varieties of art forms that encompass marching music; and

WHEREAS, There are many styles of marching music, ranging in tone, to either move an audience during somber memorials, or thrill a crowd with delightful music and intricate routines with exact precision; and

WHEREAS, Different styles of marching music include drill squads, marching bands, drum lines, and drum corps, with performances ranging from traditional, standard marches to rock and roll, jazz, contemporary, and electronic dance music; and

WHEREAS, Marching music is forever evolving and finding new forms of sound expression; for example, technology has produced lighter, electronic and digital instruments, making it possible for musicians to march with violins, cellos, basses, and synthesizers to entertain crowds in unique and creative new ways; and

WHEREAS, Ensembles that perform marching music are in schools, military units, community celebrations, and local auxiliaries; the ensemble contains brass instruments in some settings, others may include woodwinds, electric guitars, percussion, dance teams, twirlers, and color guards, all while incorporating their own unique sound and elaborate costuming; and

WHEREAS, Marching Music Day may be observed by attending performances and bringing new supporters along, contributing to fundraisings for ensembles to compete, joining a marching band, or by teaching others about marching music; and

WHEREAS, Events which provide a means of preserving a part of America's rich past and contribute to the musical enrichment of our great State and Nation, are held in the highest regard by this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 4, 2024, as Marching Music Day 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.