Assembly Resolution No. 920

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2024, as Pure New York State Maple 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 promote and appreciate New York State's natural resources which benefit the lives of its 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 March 2024, as Pure New York State Maple Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Sugar maple tree was adopted as the State tree in 1956, and its sap is the main source used to make maple; and

WHEREAS, Pure maple syrup is a natural and nutritious sweetener and is a smart choice as a topping or as a flavorful ingredient in baking and cooking; and

WHEREAS, New York State is ranked second in maple syrup production in the United States, and is the first crop to be harvested in the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, New York's weather makes March the prime time to harvest the sap for production of maple candy and syrup; and

WHEREAS, In addition, New York State is home to the largest resource of tappable maple trees within the United States, and over 2,000 maple sugar makers; and

WHEREAS, New York State's maple industry hit a 74-year record in 2018 with the production of 806,000 gallons of maple syrup, compared to 760,000 in 2017, with a growth of nearly 50 percent in the last six years; and

WHEREAS, The estimated value of the maple syrup produced in New York State is $31,320,000; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional natural resource and its contributions to the local and State economies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2024, as Pure New York State Maple 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.