Assembly Resolution No. 968

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 17-23, 2024, as Agriculture Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Hardworking American farmers provide New York State, the Nation, and much of the world with a safe, healthy, affordable, and abundant food supply; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 17-23, 2024, as Agriculture Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Agriculture Week; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture Week recognizes and celebrates the abundance provided by agriculture; every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Each American farm feeds 166 people, a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s; quite simply, American agriculture is doing more, and doing it better; as the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis, however, too few people truly understand this contribution; this is particularly the case in our schools, where students may only be exposed to agriculture if they enroll in related vocational training; and

WHEREAS, By building awareness, the Agriculture Council of America is encouraging young people to consider career opportunities in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of National Agriculture Week is in recognition of all the farmers who feed us and our families every day and of the importance of agriculture as a vital industry and economic driver in New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 17-23, 2024, as Agriculture Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Agriculture Week, honoring and recognizing the important contributions of all branches of farming to the health, economic well-being, environment, beauty, and future of New York State; 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.