

Senate Resolution No. 1256

BY: Senator HELMING

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
May 20, 2026, as Court Clerks Day in the State of
New York

WHEREAS, The Legislative Body recognizes and honors the critical contributions of those who serve in the New York State court system; and

WHEREAS, Among these indispensable professionals are the Court Clerks, whose diligent service, attention to detail, and deep institutional knowledge uphold the integrity and functionality of the judicial process across the state; and

WHEREAS, The more than 1,500 Court Clerks employed in courts throughout New York State serve as the official record keepers of courtroom proceedings, ensuring that legal documentation is accurate, timely, and in compliance with established legal protocols; and

WHEREAS, Court Clerks perform a wide array of complex and essential duties, including managing dockets, maintaining case files, administering oaths, reviewing and processing legal documents, coordinating court calendars, and assisting judges and attorneys in the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, Court Clerks often operate in a paralegal or quasi-judicial capacity, requiring them to interpret legal documents and procedures in accordance with applicable statutes, rules of court, administrative regulations, and judicial orders; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their legal and procedural responsibilities, Court Clerks frequently supervise courtroom staff, serve as liaisons to attorneys, law enforcement agencies, and members of the public, and play a crucial role in upholding public confidence in the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, The professionalism, discretion, and unwavering commitment of Court Clerks ensure that court operations proceed efficiently, fairly, and transparently, even under challenging and high-pressure circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Their contributions are foundational to the justice system and essential to the protection of individual rights and the rule of law in our democracy; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the service of Court Clerks is a meaningful way to acknowledge the often-unseen work that makes justice possible in communities large and small across the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 20, 2026, as Court Clerks Day in the State of New York, in recognition and appreciation of

their vital role in the court system; 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.