Senate Resolution No. 1372

BY: Senator PERSAUD

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim 8:30pm - 9:30pm on March 28, 2026, as Earth Hour in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to increase public awareness of, and appreciation for, the natural resources of this great Empire State, as well as recognize the role all citizens have in protecting the environment and the quality of life within New York; 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 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM on Saturday, March 28, 2026, as Earth Hour in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of International Earth Hour; and

WHEREAS, Created by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) in Sydney, Australia, in 2007, Earth Hour is observed annually on the last Saturday of March to encourage individuals, communities, and businesses to turn off non-essential electric lights, for one hour, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m, as a symbol of commitment to the planet; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, millions of people at home and almost 18,000 landmarks and monuments across over 190 countries and territories switched off their lights to promote awareness and conversation concerning issues of climate change, habitat loss and natural resource conservation; and

WHEREAS, New York State should once again take its place among these world sites in 2026, and demonstrate the commitment of our staid institutions, both public and private, by going dark in reflection of the environmental impacts to which our built world and daily activities unwittingly contribute; and

WHEREAS, Having iconic sites such as the Empire State Building, The Capitol, and Niagara Falls go dark will have a deep and meaningful impact on people around the world, show support for students who recently participated in demonstrations for climate change action, and catalyze new ways of thinking about how we can prosper as a society without depleting our planet's vitality; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM on March 28, 2026, as Earth Hour 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.