Senate Resolution No. 1400

BY: Senator PERSAUD

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 18-24, 2026, as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is a serious health concern that affects both women and men; however, public awareness of male breast cancer remains limited despite its potential severity; and

WHEREAS, Although rare, breast cancer in men accounts for fewer than one percent of all breast cancer diagnoses in the United States; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 2,800 men in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in 2025 and approximately 510 men will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, For men, the average lifetime risk of developing breast cancer is approximately 1 in 755, with risk increasing with age and with a typical diagnosis occurring between 60 and 70 years old; and

WHEREAS, Men have an approximately 25 percent higher breast cancer mortality rate than women, attributed in part to lower awareness, delayed recognition of symptoms, and reluctance to seek timely medical care; and

WHEREAS, Many men are unaware that they can develop breast cancer, which may lead to symptoms such as lumps, nipple changes, or pain being ignored or misattributed; and

WHEREAS, Like breast cancer in women, male breast cancer begins with the growth of malignant cells in breast tissue and, if undetected, may spread to nearby structures or distant organs; and

WHEREAS, Early detection of male breast cancer significantly improves outcomes, with five-year relative survival rates of approximately 97 percent for localized disease, 86 percent for regional disease, and 31 percent for distant disease, and an overall five-year survival of about 84 percent when all stages are combined; and

WHEREAS, Increasing public education about male breast cancer symptoms, risk factors, and the importance of early diagnosis can save lives and reduce suffering for men and their families 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 October 18-24, 2026, as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week in the State of New York to promote awareness, education, early detection, and patient support; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body encourages health care

providers, community organizations, advocates, and the people of New York State to observe this week through public education campaigns and outreach efforts that increase awareness of male breast cancer signs, symptoms, risk factors, and treatment options; 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.