Senate Resolution No. 1444

BY: Senator PERSAUD

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 2026, as National Family Caregivers Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, November is recognized across the United States as National Family Caregivers Month, honoring the dedication, compassion, and selflessness of the millions of individuals who provide care to loved ones with chronic illnesses, disabilities, or aging-related needs; and

WHEREAS, National recognition of family caregivers started in 1994, and in New York State, an estimated 4.1 million residents serve as unpaid caregivers providing essential daily assistance such as medication management, transportation, meal preparation, and emotional support; and

WHEREAS, These dedicated caregivers often balance employment, family responsibilities, and personal well-being while ensuring that loved ones can remain in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, Caregiving can be emotionally, physically, and financially demanding, and caregivers themselves may experience heightened stress, health challenges, and reduced financial security as a result of their selfless commitment; and

WHEREAS, Caregivers play a critical role in reducing the strain on state health services and in ensuring better quality of life for those receiving care; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting to recognize the vital contributions of caregivers and to raise awareness of the resources and support systems available to them; and

WHEREAS, Community, employer, and governmental support for caregivers can improve health outcomes, reduce costs, and enhance quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The first National Family Caregivers Month Presidential Proclamation was signed by President Clinton in 1997, and every president since has followed suit by issuing an annual proclamation recognizing and honoring family caregivers each November; and

WHEREAS, This month-long observance is dedicated to recognizing, thanking, and honoring family caregivers across the nation for their commitment to providing vital care services as well as offering their enduring comfort and assistance; and

WHEREAS, Family caregivers offer a range of support to both children and adults with a wide range of needs, often providing care over many years; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize months that are set aside to honor the commendable and noble acts of our citizens, publicly acknowledging their good deeds and the immense value they bring to their families and community at large; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 2026, as National Family Caregivers 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.