Senate Resolution No. 1539

BY: Senator PERSAUD

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 2026, as Fibroid Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body has an interest in fostering the health and well-being of its citizens and engaging in a conscientious commitment to advancing women's health; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 2026, as Fibroid Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Uterine fibroids, clinically known as uterine leiomyoma, are the most common benign tumors in the uterus and the single most common indication for hysterectomy; and

WHEREAS, African American women experience uterine fibroids at a rate of three times that of the general population, a higher rate than any other ethnic group; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, obstetric outcomes that were attributed to fibroid tumors resulted in a cost of $238 million to $7.76 billion annually; uterine fibroid tumors were estimated to cost the United States $5.9-34.4 billion annually, and over $3.6 billion is spent annually on the medical expense of hysterectomy procedures, and 1.6 to 17.2 billion estimated annual lost work costs in terms of absenteeism and short-term disability in women ages 25 to 54; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of health seminars, funding opportunities, medical information panels, and community programs would empower and inform residents of the State of New York about uterine fibroids and would encourage earlier diagnosis, more research, better treatment options, and eventually a cure for uterine fibroids; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 2026, as Fibroid Awareness Month in the State of New York, fully confident that this recognition will emanate the journey to fostering appropriate measures to battle this disadvantageous disease; 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.