Senate Resolution No. 1551

BY: Senator PERSAUD

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 14, 2026, as World Diabetes Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in recognizing serious diseases by proclaiming official days dedicated to increasing awareness of such concerns impacting citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 14, 2026, as World Diabetes Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, World Diabetes Day (WDD) was created in 1991 by IDF and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes; and

WHEREAS, World Diabetes Day became an official United Nations Day in 2006 with the passage of United Nation Resolution 61/225; it is marked every year on November 14th, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes is considered to have been around since 1550 BC; the successful extraction and injection of insulin into humans was discovered in 1922; so, comparatively, our understanding of diabetes is quite new compared to its long, arduous march through history; and

WHEREAS, The difference between type II and type I started around 1850, where medical professionals at the time believed they knew enough of the difference between the two to warrant two categories; and

WHEREAS, Since then, type II diabetes has ballooned to 90 percent of those affected, with an estimated $425 million individuals affected worldwide; and

WHEREAS, This alarming rise in such a preventable disease is one of the reasons the WHO and IDF wanted to create World Diabetes Day, to help spread awareness of how to prevent contracting the illness; and

WHEREAS, Having to manage blood sugar levels on a daily basis is a time-consuming and costly endeavor; the economic cost of diabetes globally is around $727 billion (USD) and in the U.S. alone, it costs almost a third of that at $245 billion; and

WHEREAS, The costliness and its prevention create even more reason for us to spread awareness of diabetes, and also celebrate the birth of the man who helped bring insulin into the modern world as an effective treatment against this disease; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this

serious disease, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State, and National levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 14, 2026, as World Diabetes Day 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.