Senate Resolution No. 1916

BY: Senator BASKIN

RECOGNIZING May 2026, as Apraxia Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of disorders that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize May 2026, as Apraxia Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The month of May has been designated as Apraxia Awareness Month and is a time to raise awareness about Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS), a rare and challenging neurological speech disorder that affects 1 in 1,000 children, impacting their ability to plan and execute the precise movements necessary for speech as carried out by the Robert Warner Center for Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation at Golisano Children's Hospital of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Childhood Apraxia of Speech is a complex and often misunderstood disorder; while children with CAS typically have a strong understanding of language and know what they wish to say, they face significant difficulties coordinating the movements needed to articulate their thoughts; andng the movements needed to articulate their thoughts; and

WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and intervention by Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) are critical to helping children with CAS develop speech and communication skills, as well as preventing secondary challenges in reading, writing, and other academic areas; and

WHEREAS, Apraxia Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor children living with Childhood Apraxia of Speech, their families who love and care for them, and the professionals who support them, recognizing their strength, determination, and resilience in overcoming challenges; and

WHEREAS, Increasing public awareness of Childhood Apraxia of Speech is essential to ensuring that families, educators, healthcare providers, policymakers, and community members work together to advocate for services, research, and resources that empower children with CAS to find their voices; and

WHEREAS, During the month of May, workplaces, schools, and communities across New York State are encouraged to wear blue and organize events to promote understanding, foster inclusion, and celebrate the achievements of children with CAS; and

WHEREAS, Children with Childhood Apraxia of Speech inspire us all

Through their courage and perseverance in their journey to communicate and connect with the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize May 2026, as Apraxia Awareness Month in the State of New York, and to encourage all citizens to support and advocate for children with Childhood Apraxia of Speech and their families, as well as the professionals who work tirelessly to improve their lives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Robert Warner Center for Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation at Golisano Children's Hospital of Buffalo.