Senate Resolution No. 1919

BY: Senator TEDISCO

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2026, as Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues 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, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2026, as Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Stroke occurs at a rate of one in 3,500 live births each year, and five in 100,000 children per year; currently, stroke is one of the top 10 causes of death for children between the ages of one and 19; and

WHEREAS, Of children surviving stroke, about 60% will have permanent neurological deficits, most commonly hemiparesis or hemiplegia, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS, The life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from Pediatric Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

WHEREAS, Very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of Pediatric Stroke; and

WHEREAS, Pediatric Stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; and

WHEREAS, Only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for Pediatric Stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS, An early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of Pediatric Stroke, and more must be done to increase activity at the State, local and national levels to support those afflicted as well as their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2026, as Pediatric Stroke Awareness 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.