

Senate Resolution No. 1934

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RECOGNIZING May 2, 2026, as I Love My Park Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to observe days that promote the enhancement of the lives of the citizenry of this Great State of New York, particularly, those which serve to increase the public interest and stewardship of our planet and natural environment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize May 2, 2026, as I Love My Park Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Parks & Trails New York, in partnership with the Department of Environmental Conservation and State Parks, hosts I Love My Park Day on the first Saturday in May, attracting thousands of volunteers from across the state to participate in stewardship events on New York public lands; and

WHEREAS, I Love My Parks Day is the State of New York's largest single-day volunteer event; citizens from across the state help prepare for spring by cleaning up campgrounds, parks, and beaches; planting native trees and pollinator gardens; restoring trail and wildlife habitat; removing invasive species; and working on various other site improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, These efforts not only enhance the natural beauty and accessibility of New York's iconic state park system but also ensure that these cherished spaces are ready to be enjoyed by all for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Residents of the State of New York are encouraged to participate in cleanup and restoration efforts at their local and state parks on May 2, 2026, to ensure that the natural environment remains pristine and prospers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize May 2, 2026, as I Love My Park Day in the State of New York.