

Senate Resolution No. 1964

BY: Senator BYNOE

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as Library Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those community-based organizations which unselfishly devote their energy, resources, and thoughtful care on behalf of improving the quality and character of life in that community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as Library Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Library Week; and

WHEREAS, National Library Week is a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians, and library workers through this year's theme, "Find Your Joy"; and

WHEREAS, First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week marks its 68th Anniversary in 2026 as a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April; and

WHEREAS, Libraries are a treasured part of American culture and a valuable resource on a wide variety of popular topics, inspiring people to read, helping to improve incomes and health, and encouraging the development of strong, happy lives; and

WHEREAS, Not only are they places to borrow books, but libraries also serve as creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate and use new technologies to further their skills and passions; and

WHEREAS, Libraries serve as a resource for students, small business owners, English-language learners, older adults, lifelong learners, and many others who depend on all the resources our libraries have to offer; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of New York stand firmly committed to promote reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, preparation for America's jobs of the future, and ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's libraries may take just pride in their purposeful growth as they look forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural, and intellectual needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Librarians are the foundation of libraries, providing access to a lifetime of learning opportunities and building

intercultural understanding and the programming which makes libraries immense resources to New York State's communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as Library Week 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.