

Senate Resolution No. 1965

**BY:** Senator BYNOE

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2026, as School Library Month in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2026, as School Library Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National School Library Month; and

**WHEREAS,** National School Library Month was established by Lucille Thomas in 1985, to help schools and their local communities celebrate the library and in particular the major role school library programs play in transforming learning; and

**WHEREAS,** The quest for knowledge and achievement by students is stimulated and developed through the use of educational resources and instruction provided by school library programs that are staffed by professional certified school librarians; and

**WHEREAS,** School library programs provide the means for students to gain cultural understanding and enhance global communication skills; and

**WHEREAS,** Lifelong learning begins and is systematically developed through the school library curriculum of the elementary and secondary schools; and

**WHEREAS,** The school library program contributes to the individual growth and development of all students, while fostering both excellence and equity in education; and

**WHEREAS,** School library programs teach the skills of effectively locating and ethically using information through traditional resources and new technologies to provide literature appreciation activities and to guide and encourage informational and recreational reading to every student; and

**WHEREAS,** School libraries provide materials that will develop literary, cultural, aesthetic appreciation, and ethical standards; and

**WHEREAS,** The school library program helps students learn to find texts on any topic of interest across a range of complexity, so they are engaged at a level that is challenging to them; and

**WHEREAS,** School librarians teach students to inquire, think critically, draw conclusions, make informed decisions, and create and share knowledge in preparation for advanced study and the workplace; and

**WHEREAS,** It is both fitting and proper that special recognition be given to school library programs and the role of certified school librarians in education throughout the State of New York; now,

therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2026, as School Library 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.