

Senate Resolution No. 2042

**BY:** Senator MARTINEZ

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 20-26, 2026, as Space Week in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging weeks in recognition of important issues; and

**WHEREAS,** Space Week is recognized annually during the last week of April, and in 2026, will be observed from April 20 through April 26; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York has long been a leader in innovation, science, and technological advancement, playing a critical role in the development of the aerospace industry in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York has a longstanding aerospace legacy, including contributions to the Apollo program with lunar lander components built on Long Island; and

**WHEREAS,** New York is home to a robust statewide space ecosystem with more than 1,500 space-related companies, institutions, facilities, programs, and organizations across all 10 regions of the State; and

**WHEREAS,** Approximately, 372 space-related companies operating across 426 sites, employing roughly 75,000 New Yorkers, with over 1,600 current open space-related job opportunities across approximately 320 companies; and

**WHEREAS,** New York maintains strong ties to NASA and the Artemis program, including 82 NASA-affiliated companies employing more than 20,000 people and 64 Artemis-affiliated companies across 9 of 10 regions employing more than 18,000 people; and

**WHEREAS,** Expansion of the space economy will create high-quality jobs, strengthen regional economies across the State, and increase opportunities for STEM; and

**WHEREAS,** Recognizing the space economy underscores both New York's historical role in aerospace and its future as a hub for innovation and workforce development; and

**WHEREAS,** The State's space industry spans manufacturing, telecommunications, electronics, defense, optics, finance, academic research, and workforce development, with key hubs in Long Island, New York City, Western New York, Rochester, Buffalo, and the Southern Tier; and

**WHEREAS,** Space Week seeks to connect industry, government, academia, investors, students, artists, and the public to strengthen and expand the State's space ecosystem; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 20-26, 2026, as Space 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.