

Senate Resolution No. 2049

BY: Senator RIVERA

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 2026, as Sepsis 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 health issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 2026, as Sepsis Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Sepsis Month; and

WHEREAS, Sepsis is a life threatening response to infection, which can cause tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and where severely restricted blood flow from sepsis can lead to septic shock, requiring immediate recognition and intervention to prevent death; and

WHEREAS, This serious health issue occurs when the body's reaction is atypical, triggering alterations, which can cause significant damage to multiple organs, amputations, and cognitive difficulties; certain population groups are more vulnerable to developing sepsis, such as the young, older adults, individuals with chronic illness, those with compromised immune systems, and those facing systemic healthcare disparities; and

WHEREAS, One out of three people will develop sepsis over their lifetime and 1.7 million more are diagnosed with this health condition annually; and

WHEREAS, 350,000 people die each year from sepsis and approximately 50,000 New Yorkers are affected by this condition, including New York State Senator Jose Peralta who died from sudden septic shock on November 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, 87 percent of sepsis occurs at home or in the community, and every hour of delay in treatment increases the risk of death by four to nine percent; and

WHEREAS, National Sepsis Month is recognized throughout the United States each September; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative upon all residents of this great Empire State that attention be brought to this debilitating and life threatening health condition affecting so many of our friends, family and neighbors in New York State; and further, in support of sepsis education, prevention, screening, early treatment and survivors, and in legacy to lives lost; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 2026, as Sepsis Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York; Sepsis Alliance; END SEPSIS - The Legacy of Rory Staunton; The Home Care Association of New York State; and IPRO, a New York State and Federal quality improvement organization.