Senate Resolution No. 296

BY: Senator PARKER

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 8, 2025, as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of New York are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our most precious resource, our children, and to protecting them, in every facet of their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 8, 2025, as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, In any given year, 20% of American children will be diagnosed with a mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is a day to promote positive youth development, resilience, recovery, and the transformation of mental health services delivery for children and youth with serious mental health needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, Children's Mental Health Awareness Day raises awareness of effective programs for children's mental health needs; demonstrates how children's mental health initiatives promote positive youth development, recovery, and resilience; and shows how children with mental health needs thrive in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Children's Mental Health Awareness Day efforts will integrate mental health into every environment that impacts child development from birth; nurture the social and emotional well-being of children from birth; and look for and discuss milestones of a child's social and emotional development from birth; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 8, 2025, as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day 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.