

BY: Senator GOUNARDES

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 26-February 1, 2025, as Physician Anesthesiologists Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize an official week that is set aside to inform key audiences about the role and value of Physician Anesthesiologists in delivering anesthesia care in today's and tomorrow's United States healthcare system; 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 January 26-February 1, 2025, as Physician Anesthesiologists Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Physician Anesthesiologists Week; and

WHEREAS, Physician Anesthesiologists are the guardians of patient safety before, during, and after surgery and in pain medicine with the expert ability to lead and navigate all vital moments of care; and

WHEREAS, The 12 to 14 years of education, including medical school, and 12,000 to 16,000 hours of training, give Physician Anesthesiologists the necessary knowledge to understand and treat the entire human body; and

WHEREAS, Physician Anesthesiologists are made for this moment, playing a critical role in keeping patients safe in this State and community, whether managing a crisis during surgery, providing pain management during labor, or treating patients who experience chronic pain; and

WHEREAS, The Anesthesia Care Team model, led by Physician Anesthesiologists, is widely recognized as the gold standard of care used in all the Nation's top hospitals to protect patients; and

WHEREAS, All individuals in the State of New York are entitled to and should have universal access to the highest level of anesthesia care; all patients, regardless of socioeconomic status, deserve Physician Anesthesiologists leading their care, advocating for them, and safeguarding them when they are under anesthesia and unable to advocate for themselves; and

WHEREAS, Physician Anesthesiologists are recognized leaders who are committed to safe and high-quality patient care, educating patients on anesthesia safety and reducing risks of complications; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 26-February 1, 2025, the 11th Annual Physician Anesthesiologists Week in the State of

New York, in recognition of our appreciation for Physician Anesthesiologists who serve as the leaders of the Anesthesia Care Team and critical care specialists, ensuring the safety and health of surgical patients and chronic pain patients every day; 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, and the Board Members of the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists.