Senate Resolution No. 848

BY: Senator ASHBY

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 7, 2025, as School Nurse Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to inform key audiences about the role and value of school nurses in caring for our most precious resource, our youth; 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 May 7, 2025, as School Nurse Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National School Nurse Day; and

WHEREAS, Since 1972, National School Nurse Day has been set aside to recognize school nurses; and

WHEREAS, National School Nurse Day was established to foster a better understanding of the role of school nurses in the educational setting; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Association of School Nurses (NYSASN) is the professional organization representing the specialty practice of school nursing in New York State; NYSASN was founded in 1986 by a grass roots group of school nurses who were dedicated in their vision to enhance the practice of school nursing; and

WHEREAS, Advocacy is a central tenet of the New York State Association of School Nurses, providing a unified voice for its members; and

WHEREAS, The Advocacy Chairperson and committee diligently monitor and provide guidance on legislative proposals that impact the scope and practice of school nursing across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Students are the future and, by investing in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Families deserve to feel confident that their children will be cared for when they are at school; and

WHEREAS, All students have a right to have their physical and mental health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic emphasized the essential role school nurses play in student health and academic success; and

WHEREAS, School nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring students' academic success for more than

100 years; and

WHEREAS, School nurses act as a liaison to the school community, families, and healthcare providers on behalf of children's health by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, School nurses are members of school-based teams such as school health services, 504/ IEP, and disaster/emergency planning to address the school population; and

WHEREAS, School nurses understand the link between health and learning and are able to make a positive difference for children every day; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to join the National Association of School Nurses in celebrating and acknowledging the accomplishments of school nurses everywhere and their efforts of meeting the needs of today's students by improving the delivery of health care in our schools, and offering gratitude for school nurses who contribute to our local communities by helping students stay healthy, in school, and ready to learn, and keeping parents and guardians at work, not just on School Nurse Day, but at every opportunity throughout the year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 7, 2025, as School Nurse 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.