Assembly Resolution No. 1003

BY: M. of A. Rosenthal

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 19, 2026, as Cholangiocarcinoma 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 increase awareness of serious illnesses that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; 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 February 19, 2026, as Cholangiocarcinoma Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Cholangiocarcinoma Day; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is pleased to recognize and observe February 19, 2026, as Cholangiocarcinoma Day in commemoration of all patients and caregivers impacted by the rare, lethal cancer; and

WHEREAS, The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation is the leading global resource in research, education, and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 10,000 people in the United States develop Cholangiocarcinoma each year, and the mortality rate has increased dramatically in the last decade; and

WHEREAS, Of the top eight deadliest cancers, seven are rare and Cholangiocarcinoma is a rare cancer; and

WHEREAS, Rare cancers have a five-year survival rate under 50%, with the Cholangiocarcinoma five-year survival rate being approximately 20%; and there is currently no cure for Cholangiocarcinoma; and

WHEREAS, Foundations, research and teaching hospitals, rare cancer advocacy groups, and patient advocacy groups from around the globe have joined forces to recognize the third Thursday of February as World Cholangiocarcinoma Day; and

WHEREAS, Increased Cholangiocarcinoma advocacy, awareness, research, and education will bring improved outcomes for patients in earlier detection and treatment and potential curative methods; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 19, 2026, as Cholangiocarcinoma Day in the State of New York in efforts to support the research for treatment and a cure of cholangiocarcinoma; 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.