Assembly Resolution No. 1040

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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2026, as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days set aside to increase awareness of serious issues which 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 just proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2026, as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month in the State of New York in conjunction with the observance of National Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS,** Multiple myeloma is cancer that begins in abnormal plasma cells that divide and make copies of themselves, known as myeloma; these myeloma cells collect in bone marrow and can damage the solid part of bones; and

**WHEREAS,** Cancerous plasma cells grow out of control and can produce tumors in the bones and other tissues; if only one bone is affected, it is referred to as isolated plasmacytoma, and when there are multiple bones affected, the condition becomes known as multiple myeloma; and

**WHEREAS,** Approximately 35,500 new cases of Multiple Myeloma are diagnosed each year in the United States, and around 12,300 deaths occur annually from this disease; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this deadly disease, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state, and national levels to educate and support those afflicted, as well as their families and caregivers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2026, as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month 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.