Assembly Resolution No. 1075

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 22-28, 2026, as Cleaning Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of cleaning organizations and front-line cleaning professionals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; 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 March 22-28, 2026, as Cleaning Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Cleaning Week; and

WHEREAS, Beginning on the fourth Sunday in March, Cleaning Week celebrates the important impact that cleaning has on public health, the environment, and the economy; this week also aims to raise public awareness for the value of clean spaces, appreciate front-line professionals, promote cleaning organizations, and advocate for the cleaning industry; and

WHEREAS, Cleanliness is essential to public health, wellness, and prosperity; clean spaces enhances productivity, boosts customer satisfaction, preserves vital resources, and supports sustainable and efficient practices; and

WHEREAS, In educational settings, improved air quality is linked to fewer illness-related absences and higher academic performance; and

WHEREAS, According to the International Sanitary Supply Association (ISSA), properly cleaned and disinfected surfaces reduce virus concentrations by 41.7%, and when paired with effective hand hygiene, that reduction increases to 85.4%; and

WHEREAS, Cleanliness directly supports a healthy workforce by reducing absenteeism and presenteeism; in 2024, the global economy lost an estimated $438 billion in productivity due to employees being unable to perform at full capacity because of illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, From manufacturers and distributors providing essential cleaning and hygiene products to front-line professionals maintaining healthy and safe environments in our schools, hospitals, workplaces, and public spaces, the individuals and organizations involved in keeping our world clean play a vital role in protecting our communities every day; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body proudly recognizes and celebrates the cleaning and facility solutions industry during this annual observance,

highlighting the importance of maintaining clean, safe, and sanitary environments throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, To welcome a fresh start in the spring, Cleaning Week encourages people to discard unneeded items, declutter, and tidy up their homes; this week also provides a dedicated time to celebrate and thank the heroes who work hard to give us clean homes, and workplaces where people can live and work in clean environments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 22-28, 2026, as Cleaning Week 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.