Assembly Resolution No. 1091

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 22, 2026, as Lynch Syndrome Awareness 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 Sunday, March 22, 2026, as Lynch Syndrome Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Lynch Syndrome Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome is a hereditary cancer syndrome which predisposes people affected to an extremely high risk of developing a litany of cancers which are often aggressive and can develop at a much younger age than typical; and

WHEREAS, Caused by a mutation in one of the genes that normally repair mistakes in DNA that occur naturally during mitosis, Lynch Syndrome goes widely underdiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, This hereditary cancer syndrome is not a rare disease with statistics that show 1 in 279 people in the United States have Lynch Syndrome and, sadly, 95% are unaware; and

WHEREAS, Those with Lynch Syndrome have a higher lifetime risk of developing several types of cancers including colorectal cancer, endometrial cancer, ovarian, gastric, upper urinary tract cancer, cancer of the small bowel, skin, hepatobiliary, kidney, and brain; and

WHEREAS, Every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers, and every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch Syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and further testing; and

WHEREAS, Having knowledge of a Lynch Syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 22, 2026, as Lynch Syndrome Awareness 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.