Assembly Resolution No. 1135

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 20-24, 2026, as Work Zone Awareness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks that are set aside to increase awareness of the safety and protection of our Work Zone workers; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 20-24, 2026, as Work Zone Awareness Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Work Zone Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is intended to bring national attention to motorist and worker safety and mobility issues in work zones; and

WHEREAS, This annual spring campaign, held at the start of construction season, encourages safe driving through highway work zones, and encourages drivers to use extra caution in work zones; and

WHEREAS, Since 1999, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has diligently worked with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) to coordinate and sponsor the event; and

WHEREAS, Throughout New York State, work zone workers work alongside traffic day and night to maintain, improve, and expand upon our roads and highways, ensuring all who travel in New York State can get where they need to go smoothly and safely; and

WHEREAS, During 2024, there were 450 documented work zone intrusions on New York state roads, these intrusions resulted in four fatalities and 161 injuries to highway workers and vehicle occupants, demonstrating the high risk that work zone workers face everyday; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the risk that work zone workers experience, New York State is continually improving safety within highway work zones; safety measures include reducing speed limits in work zones and performing highway work at off-peak hours; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of work zone safety, 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 April 20-24, 2026, as Work Zone Awareness 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.