

Assembly Resolution No. 1223

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memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
October 14, 2026, as Emergency Nurses Day and  
October 11-17, 2026, as Emergency Nurses Week in the  
State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days and weeks that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues 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, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 14, 2026, as Emergency Nurses Day and October 11-17, 2026, as Emergency Nurses Week in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The more than 100,000 emergency nurses are the first line of patient care in our nation's emergency departments; and

**WHEREAS,** The profession of emergency nurse continues to grow in number and respect throughout our nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Emergency nurses are committed to providing quality emergency care to their patients; and

**WHEREAS,** Emergency nurses selflessly dedicate large portions of their lives to caring for and comforting those persons most in need; and

**WHEREAS,** Emergency nurses are at the forefront of the health system; they are the first face a patient comes across when entering an emergency room, and often the last face a patient sees when leaving; and

**WHEREAS,** They face daily challenges of verbal and physical abuse, patient adversity and hardship, and the constant battle of access block and ramping, however this does not stop them from getting out of bed the next day and doing it all over again; and

**WHEREAS,** Emergency nurses continually demonstrate their professionalism and strive to upgrade standards of practice and improve patient care; and

**WHEREAS,** Emergency nurses endeavor to educate the public in the prevention and treatment of injury and illness and the proper use of emergency services; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 14, 2026, as Emergency Nurses Day and October 11-17, 2026, as Emergency Nurses Week in the State of New York, in recognition of our appreciation of emergency nurses and to celebrate their dedication and professionalism; 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.