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.