

Assembly Resolution No. 1261

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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 4-12, 2026, as Robotics Week in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and promote educational initiatives that inspire innovation, strengthen workforce development, and prepare students across New York State for the challenges of a rapidly evolving technological economy; 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 April 4-12, 2026, as Robotics Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Robotics Week; and

**WHEREAS,** Robotics and engineering education play a critical role in fostering skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), equipping students with the knowledge and problem-solving abilities necessary to succeed in the 21st century; and

**WHEREAS,** Robotics competitions held throughout the nation, including those organized by FIRST Robotics, provide invaluable hands-on learning experiences that encourage teamwork, creativity, and technical proficiency among students in grades K-12; and

**WHEREAS,** During the week of April 4-12, 2026, the FIRST Robotics Championship will convene hundreds of school districts from across the United States, including many from the State of New York, showcasing the talent, dedication, and innovation of young engineers; and

**WHEREAS,** National Robotics Week serves as an important model, recognizing robotic technology as a pillar of American innovation, highlighting its growing importance across a wide variety of applications, and emphasizing its ability to inspire technology education and workforce development; and

**WHEREAS,** Robotics has proven uniquely effective in enabling students of all ages to learn essential STEM concepts while inspiring them to pursue careers in science and engineering fields; and

**WHEREAS,** Robotics Week promotes robotics education in K-12 schools, hosting competitions and demonstrations across the state, and increasing public awareness of the transformative power of robotics and engineering; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, such a week provides opportunities for students, educators, industry leaders, and communities, regardless of educational background, to engage with emerging technologies, explore real-world applications, and better understand the role robotics plays in driving innovation, economic growth, and technological advancement;

and

**WHEREAS,** Recognizing Robotics Week in New York State reaffirms this great State's commitment to fostering a skilled workforce, supporting educational excellence, and maintaining its leadership in technological innovation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 4-12, 2026, as Robotics Week in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.