

Assembly Resolution No. 1280

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
May 3-9, 2026, as Professional Municipal Clerks 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 recognize the valuable contributions of public servants whose work enhances the lives of the 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 May 3-9, 2026, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Municipal Clerks Week; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time-honored and vital part of local government, exists throughout the world and is the oldest position among public servants; it provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

WHEREAS, Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

WHEREAS, The Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

WHEREAS, Initiated in 1969 by IIMC and endorsed by all of its members throughout the United States, Canada and 15 other countries, Professional Municipal Clerks Week is a time of celebration and reflection on the importance of the Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation that officially declared Municipal Clerks Week the first full week of May; in 1994 and 1996, President Bill Clinton also signed proclamations confirming Municipal Clerks Week; and

WHEREAS, This year, the 57th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week will feature a week-long series of activities aimed at increasing the public's awareness of Municipal Clerks and the essential services they provide for local government and the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that we recognize the

accomplishments of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, and further extend appreciation to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 3-9, 2026, as Professional Municipal Clerks 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.