

Assembly Resolution No. 1295

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 31, 2026, as Lifeguard Appreciation Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge official days that are set aside to recognize certain individuals who affect the lives of 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 July 31, 2026, as Lifeguard Appreciation Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The annual observance of Lifeguard Appreciation Day on July 31st provides an opportunity for the people of the Empire State to recognize the vital contributions of the lifeguards in communities, large and small, throughout New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and commitment of those lifeguards who ensure the safety and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, To be eligible for employment as a lifeguard within the New York State Parks system, all candidates must take and pass an annual State-administered qualifying procedure; and

WHEREAS, The qualifying process consists of two sections, a practical demonstration of lifesaving skills and a practical demonstration of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) skills; candidates must pass both sections to be considered for employment; and

WHEREAS, New York State Parks lifeguards protect more than 25 million swimmers and perform thousands of rescues annually; this Legislative Body acknowledges and honors those individuals who ensure the safety and well-being of their fellow New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 31, 2026, as Lifeguard Appreciation Day 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.