

Assembly Resolution No. 1305

**BY:** M. of A. Beephan

**RECOGNIZING** October 9, 2026, as PANS/PANDAS  
Awareness Day in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) are serious pediatric conditions characterized by the sudden onset of neuropsychiatric symptoms, including obsessive-compulsive behaviors, severe anxiety, motor or vocal tics, behavioral regression, and other cognitive and emotional challenges; and

**WHEREAS,** These conditions are believed to be associated with infections or immune responses that affect the brain and can significantly disrupt a child's development, education, and quality of life, while also placing emotional and financial strain on families and caregivers; and

**WHEREAS,** Children living with PANS and PANDAS demonstrate remarkable courage and resilience as they confront sudden and often debilitating symptoms while striving to maintain their education, relationships, and daily routines; and

**WHEREAS,** Early recognition, accurate diagnosis, and timely, evidence-based treatment are critical to improving outcomes for children affected by PANS and PANDAS; and

**WHEREAS,** Increasing public awareness and education helps reduce stigma, supports families, and encourages continued research and collaboration among healthcare providers, educators, researchers, and policymakers; and

**WHEREAS,** October 9th is recognized nationally as PANS/PANDAS Awareness Day, providing an opportunity to raise awareness, honor affected children and families, and promote understanding of these complex pediatric conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York is home to families, advocates, and medical professionals dedicated to improving awareness, research, and care for children affected by PANS and PANDAS; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize October 9, 2026, as PANS/PANDAS Awareness Day in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body further pause to honor the bravery and perseverance of children living with PANS and PANDAS, and commend the families, caregivers, advocates, and medical professionals who support them.