

Assembly Resolution No. 1363

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
May 2026, as Stop the Bleed Month in the State of
New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that increase awareness of critical public health issues affecting the citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body hereby memorializes Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2026, as Stop the Bleed Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Stop the Bleed Month; and

WHEREAS, Uncontrolled bleeding is a leading cause of preventable death in emergency situations, and a person can die from severe blood loss within as little as three to five minutes; and

WHEREAS, Trauma remains the leading cause of death for Americans under the age of 46, with hemorrhage identified as the primary cause of preventable death in traumatic injuries; and

WHEREAS, Studies indicate that approximately 20 percent of individuals who die from traumatic injuries could have survived with timely bleeding control, and nearly 35 percent of pre-hospital deaths are attributable to blood loss; and

WHEREAS, The Stop the Bleed initiative, launched in 2015 and supported by the U.S. Department of Defense, was developed to train and equip the public with the skills necessary to control severe bleeding in emergency situations before professional help arrives; and

WHEREAS, Based on life-saving techniques refined through military and battlefield medicine, the Stop the Bleed campaign empowers ordinary citizens to act as immediate responders during critical moments; and

WHEREAS, Emergency response times may range from seven to ten minutes or longer, underscoring the importance of equipping bystanders with the knowledge and confidence to intervene effectively; and

WHEREAS, In mass casualty incidents, as many as 80 percent of victims are transported to hospitals by private citizens, further demonstrating the vital role of public preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Through hands-on training programs such as the Bleeding Control Basic (B-Con) course, Stop the Bleed has successfully trained tens of thousands of individuals across the United States and internationally, including law enforcement personnel, first responders, and civilian bystanders; and

WHEREAS, The Stop the Bleed campaign represents a nationwide call to action to improve survivability by promoting widespread access to training and bleeding control resources; and

WHEREAS, Increasing public awareness and participation in Stop the Bleed training will strengthen community resilience and save lives across New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2026, as Stop the Bleed Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Stop the Bleed Month; 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.