

Assembly Resolution No. 1429

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 22, 2026, as Poppy Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Poppy Day

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 22, 2026, as Poppy Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Poppy Day; and

WHEREAS, Poppies are worn and displayed as a symbolic tribute to fallen and future veterans and members of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, The use of the poppy symbolically comes from the poem "In Flanders Fields," which movingly begins, "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row," referring to the poppies that sprang up in the battlefields and newly dug soldiers' graves in parts of Belgium and France during World War I; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have adopted the poppy as a symbol of freedom and the blood shed by those who served in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, The red poppy has been worn in the United States for more than 80 years as a way to remember those individuals who died fighting for freedom and democracy around the world and to raise money to help disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS, The poppy is worn throughout the world to commemorate members of the Armed Forces who have died in the line of duty, as part of Remembrance Day, Armistice Day, or Poppy Day ceremonies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 22, 2026, as Poppy Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Poppy Day, to ensure all New Yorkers remember those who have fought for our country's freedom; 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; Commander John R. Miga, The American Legion Department of New York; and Commander James MacArthur, Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of New York.