

Assembly Resolution No. 1452

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 31, 2026, as Hug a Sheep Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 31, 2026, as Hug a Sheep Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Hug a Sheep Day; and

WHEREAS, National Hug a Sheep Day is a unique celebration that brings people closer to these fluffy, lovable farm animals; it takes place on the last Saturday of every October, making it a cozy fall event for animal lovers; and

WHEREAS, This special day has grown into an international event, with farms opening their gates for people to come and hug a sheep, promoting kindness and compassion towards these gentle creatures; and

WHEREAS, Celebrated since the mid-1990s, the day aims to offer cuddles and appreciate the significant roles sheep play in our lives, from providing wool for our clothes to contributing to agriculture; and

WHEREAS, National Hug a Sheep Day is also a chance to learn more about sheep, their intelligence, and their ability to remember faces for years; engaging activities such as farm visits, petting zoos, and knitting classes are excellent options; there is something for everyone, whether it's learning about their rectangular pupils, their natural self-medication habits, or simply enjoying the warmth of a sheep hug; and

WHEREAS, National Hug a Sheep Day not only celebrates the bond between humans and sheep but also highlights the importance of animal welfare and ethical treatment; it is a gentle reminder of these animals' joy and comfort in our lives and the need to treat them with love and respect; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the day encourages individuals to embark on an adventure by finding a local farm or petting zoo that is open to visitors; many of these places have sheep that you can pet and hug, providing a joyful experience for both kids and adults; alternatively, you can spread the love for sheep online by posting adorable sheep photos or videos; and

WHEREAS, National Hug a Sheep Day is a time to take a few moments out of your day to appreciate the beauty and the diversity of these amazing animals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 31, 2026, as Hug a Sheep 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.