

Assembly Resolution No. 1537

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
September 2026, as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
in the State of New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the importance of advancing health equity and raising awareness about preventable diseases that disproportionately impact underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is one of the most diagnosed cancers among men in the United States, and African American men are more likely to be diagnosed at an advanced stage and die from the disease compared to other groups; and

WHEREAS, Each year, nearly 15,500 New Yorkers are diagnosed with prostate cancer, and about 1,700 die from this disease annually; it is estimated that one in seven men will develop prostate cancer during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, The month of September provides an opportunity to raise awareness around prostate cancer and to promote early detection, equitable access to care, and community education; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of the State of New York and the Nation at large are encouraged to wear a light blue ribbon-the symbol of prostate cancer-to promote awareness of the disease and demonstrate their support for individuals affected; and

WHEREAS, Education and early screening can save lives, yet many men, especially those in marginalized communities, lack access to the necessary health information and preventive services; and

WHEREAS, Community leaders, faith-based institutions, health professionals, and advocates play a vital role in breaking the silence around men's health, reducing stigma, and connecting individuals to resources and support; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is committed to advancing health justice and ensuring that all men, regardless of race, background, or income, receive the knowledge and care they need to live long, healthy lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 2026, as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York; 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, and community partners, health organizations, and advocates

committed to improving prostate cancer outcomes and saving lives.