

Assembly Resolution No. 1539

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2026, as Pharmacists Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Pharmacists serve as among the most accessible health care professionals, providing critical medication management, patient counseling, preventive care services, and public health support to communities throughout the State of New York; and

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

WHEREAS, The Pharmacists Society of the State of New York will be observing this month throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS, Today, there are over 315,000 pharmacists licensed in the United States providing services to assure the rational and safe use of all medications; and

WHEREAS, The use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

WHEREAS, Insurers such as Medicare recognize the value of Medication Therapy Management as a professional service provided by pharmacists; and

WHEREAS, Today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups, both clinically and demographically; and

WHEREAS, It is important all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacists are specifically educated with a focus and level of expertise on medication therapy which exceeds that of other health care providers; in addition, they are ideally suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and patients to improve medication use and outcomes by providing services through medication therapy management; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacists provide both expertise and accessibility which are crucial to patients fully optimizing access to medications that are not self-administered such as, but not limited to immunizations; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacists are best positioned to be the health care professionals to help ensure patients are adherent to their medications, and provide patient care which ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2026, as Pharmacists 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 The Pharmacists Society of the State of New York.