

Assembly Resolution No. 1556

**BY:** M. of A. Rules (Lemondes)

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 6, 2026, as Coaches Day in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to acknowledge the role and value of coaches and to thank them for being instrumental to the development of children throughout the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 6, 2026, as Coaches Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Coaches Day; and

**WHEREAS,** On September 19, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed Proclamation 4157 establishing October 6 of each year as National Coaches Day; and

**WHEREAS,** The creation of National Coaches Day came at a very significant time for sports in America; title ix of the education amendments had been signed into law only three months earlier and the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women had just been formalized to conduct national championships in women's college sports for its 280 member institutions; and

**WHEREAS,** The triumphs and the tragedies of the 1972 Summer Olympics were still very fresh in the collective mind of the country; however, President Nixon's words did not focus exclusively on elite athletes and coaches; he acknowledged that the majority of coaches take their satisfaction from the achievements of others as well as made the case that a coach's role is greater than simply medals and scoreboard wins; and

**WHEREAS,** Many of those who participate in organized sports become better citizens because of the lessons they have learned from their coaches and because of the example which their coaches have set for them; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, millions of coaches serve as those examples for tens of millions of athletes across the United States; the importance of well-trained coaches is clearer now than at almost any other time in our history; and

**WHEREAS,** Coaches Day recognizes the men and women who serve the athletes of this Nation as well as recognizes those organizations and institutions that are committed to preparing coaches to provide not only the technical and tactical knowledge required to coach a sport, but also the interpersonal skills to teach the valuable life lessons of which our future as a Nation depends; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, Coaches Day celebrates a coach that has had a positive impact on you, your child, or your community and supports the push for quality coaches and the institutions that are committed to this goal; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which coaches across all disciplines throughout the State of New York have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 6, 2026, as Coaches 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.