Assembly Resolution No. 1560

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the invaluable contributions of clergy who serve as spiritual guides, advocates, and pillars of strength within our communities; and

WHEREAS, Clergy Appreciation Month provides an opportunity to honor pastors, ministers, rabbis, imams, and other faith leaders who devote their lives to uplifting others, fostering unity, and offering comfort during times of joy and hardship; and

WHEREAS, In the New York State, clergy play a vital role in addressing social issues, supporting families, promoting peace, and partnering with civic leaders to build healthier, more resilient neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The dedication, compassion, and wisdom of our faith leaders inspire countless individuals and help shape communities rooted in justice, dignity, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause to celebrate and express gratitude for the spiritual leadership that sustains and strengthens our communities, especially during moments of change, crisis, and healing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2026, as Clergy Appreciation 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; faith leaders; clergy associations; and religious organizations committed to supporting their congregations and communities.