

Assembly Resolution No. 1562

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

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious medical conditions that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; 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 2026, as Perthes Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Legg-Calve-Perthes disease, commonly known as Perthes disease, is a rare childhood condition that affects the hip when blood supply to the hip bone is disrupted, causing bone cells to die, the hip joint to erode, and significant pain and mobility complications to occur; and

WHEREAS, Perthes disease is approximately four times more common in boys than girls and most commonly occurs between the ages of four and eight years old, often affecting active children during critical stages of growth and development; and

WHEREAS, Early symptoms of Perthes disease may appear subtle, including a painless limp or mild pain in the thigh or knee, resulting in delayed or missed diagnoses that may lead to permanent hip deformities and long-term orthopedic complications; and

WHEREAS, Families affected by Perthes disease often face years of uncertainty, medical appointments, physical therapy, pain management, mobility limitations, and emotional and financial hardship while seeking proper treatment and support for their children; and

WHEREAS, Medical consensus regarding the best treatment methods for Perthes disease has not yet been fully established, and additional research, awareness, and public education remain critically important to improving outcomes for children and adults impacted by the condition; and

WHEREAS, Perthes Awareness Month serves as an important opportunity to increase public understanding of this rare disease, encourage early diagnosis, support ongoing research efforts, and recognize the resilience of affected children and their families; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of Perthes disease, and more must be done at the local, state, and national levels to support affected children, families, caregivers, physicians, researchers, and advocates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2026, as Perthes Disease Awareness Month 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.