

Assembly Resolution No. 1573

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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2026, as Myasthenia Gravis 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 health issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2026, as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS,** Myasthenia Gravis (MG) is an autoimmune disorder causing extreme muscle weakness which can impact a person's ability to see, smile, swallow, walk, talk and breathe; furthermore, this disorder is often misdiagnosed; it can be controllable by medication and other treatments for most MG patients, and although rare, it can prove fatal; and

**WHEREAS,** Though it can affect people of any age, women under 40 and men over 60 are more likely to be diagnosed with myasthenia gravis; and

**WHEREAS,** Because of its rarity, approximately 70,000 people are living with MG in the United States today, often many Americans are undiagnosed; and

**WHEREAS,** The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc. (MGFA) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1952; and

**WHEREAS,** Remaining true to its mission, MGFA steadfastly facilitates the timely diagnosis and optimal care of individuals affected by Myasthenia Gravis and improves their lives through programs of patient services, support groups, public information, medical research, professional education, advocacy and patient care; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and national levels; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2026, as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month; 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.

