Assembly Resolution No. 319

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 11, 2025, as Submarine Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Submarine Day

WHEREAS, Submarines and the brave men and women who crew them play a critical role in the defense of our Nation, and the protection of citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the American submarine community celebrates National Submarine Day on the anniversary of United States government's acquisition of its first modern commissioned submarine, the USS Holland, on April 11, 1900; and

WHEREAS, The United States Navy was born in Whitehall, New York, in the summer of 1775, with the establishment of an American fleet; and

WHEREAS, United States Attack Submarines are named after U.S. cities, including the USS Albany and the USS Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, New York City is home to the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, a military and maritime history museum with a collection of museum ships, and the New York State Submariners Memorial is located in the Village of Ballston Spa, the first memorial dedicated to the Submariners from a State rather than the Submarine from which they served; and

WHEREAS, A submarine is a watercraft capable of independent operation underwater, and differs from a submersible, which has more limited underwater capability; and

WHEREAS, The term submarine most commonly refers to a large crewed autonomous vessel, but historically or colloquially, can also refer to medium-sized or smaller vessels, as well as remotely operated vehicles or robots; and

WHEREAS, Named after its inventor, John Philip Holland, the USS Holland was designed in 1896, and launched on May 17, 1897, in Elizabeth, New Jersey; considered the first truly successful craft of its kind, the vessel rendered valuable service to the United States Navy until its decommissioning in 1905; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the purchase of the USS Holland, the first known military submarine built in the United States was the Turtle, a ship which saw action in the Revolutionary War era, but before the creation of the official United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, In 1862, the United States Navy launched the USS Alligator, its first submarine and fourth Navy ship of that name during the Civil War; however, it was never officially commissioned, and sank due to bad

weather while attempting to take part in an attack on the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past 123 years, America's submarines have played a vital part in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of naval security and strategic readiness during peacetime; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is very pleased to have this opportunity to express its gratitude to our exceptional submarine fleet and the courageous men and women, past and present, of the United States Armed Forces for their tremendous sacrifices made on behalf of our Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 11, 2025, as Submarine Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Submarine Day; 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.