Assembly Resolution No. 451

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Older New Yorkers Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend the older New Yorkers of this Empire State who continue to be active and vital participants in the life of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Older New Yorkers bring their deep wisdom, experience, enthusiasm and energy to countless endeavors, helping to shape and strengthen the character of our communities and the quality of our lives; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Older New Yorkers Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, The more than four million residents of New York State 60 years of age and older represent the wide diversity of ethnicities and cultures that make up this State; and perpetuate those distinctive customs, traditions and ideals that enhance the rich tapestry of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, The wisdom and experience of older New Yorkers constantly enrich the lives of the young people of our State through a strong tradition of volunteerism and the example they set as pioneering advocates for dignity and respect for all, including our LGBT communities; and

WHEREAS, Since 1963, the month of May has been declared by presidential proclamation to be Older Americans Month so that communities around the nation might pause to celebrate and reflect on the unique role older Americans play in our communities and our nation; and

WHEREAS, The legislative and executive branches of New York State government have as a primary goal the improvement of the quality of life of older New Yorkers and the assurance of their continued dignity; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate the legacy of older New Yorkers who, in spite of the relentless and tumultuous pace of change throughout their lifetime, continue to adapt and thrive and contribute; and who now more than ever represent a vast and willing source of knowledge and insight available to our great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Older New Yorkers Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause further to urge the residents of this great Empire State to honor all of our older New Yorkers, who are the cornerstone of our Nation's strength and to whom a debt of gratitude is owed; 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.