

Assembly Resolution No. 46

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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2025, as Blood Donor Awareness Month in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2025, as Blood Donor Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Blood Donor Month; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1941, under the leadership of Dr. Charles R. Drew, the American Red Cross began the National Blood Donor Service to collect blood for the U.S. military; and

**WHEREAS,** Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood; and

**WHEREAS,** A sufficient blood supply is critical to being able to provide timely care for all patients in need of lifesaving blood transfusions; and

**WHEREAS,** The American Red Cross is the primary provider of blood products in 46 counties in New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Blood Services offered by the American Red Cross serve more than 100 hospitals and cancer treatment centers in New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Last year, the American Red Cross collected approximately 225,000 units of blood in New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Thousands of volunteers help to support the more than 10,000 blood drives held each year throughout New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** The number one reason donors say they give blood is because they want to help others; and

**WHEREAS,** These selfless volunteers have helped to save the lives of millions of Americans by donating blood, plasma, or platelets; and

**WHEREAS,** Blood Donor Awareness Month is a time to recognize all those outstanding individuals who have contributed so much to the advancement of blood donation and to acknowledge and express our deepest gratitude to those who donate their blood, taking note of their extraordinary generosity in giving the gift of life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2025, as Blood Donor Awareness 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, and the American Red Cross.