Assembly Resolution No. 611

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 9, 2025, as Military Spouse Appreciation Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Military Spouse Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, America's military spouses are the backbone of the families who support our troops during mission, deployment, reintegration, and reset; and

WHEREAS, Military spouses are silent heroes who are essential to the strength of the nation, and they serve our country just like their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 9, 2025, as Military Spouse Appreciation Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Military Spouse Appreciation Month; and

WHEREAS, On April 17, 1984, President Ronald Reagan recognized the profound importance of spousal commitment to the readiness and well-being of military members with Proclamation 5184; Congress officially made Military Spouse Appreciation Day part of National Military Appreciation Month in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, the Department of Defense standardized the date by declaring the Friday before Mother's Day every year as Military Spouse Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, On Military Spouse Appreciation Day, we honor the contribution and sacrifices made by military spouses whose commitment and support help to keep our country safe; military spouses truly have a great impact on our lives and our military communities; and

WHEREAS, Military spouses share a bond with each other, and share valuable information pertaining to military news, benefits, fitness, and so much more; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of Military Spouse Appreciation Day, the armed forces host special events and programs to inform, honor, and recognize military spouses around the world; events range from spouse appreciation luncheons to educational workshops, and spouse employment fairs which pay tribute to military spouses; and

WHEREAS, On May 23, 1984, President Ronald Reagan declared the first Military Spouse Day with Proclamation 5184; he recognized the importance of spouses' commitment to the readiness and well-being of military members; Casper Weinberger, U.S. Department of Defense, standardized the date by declaring the Friday preceding Mothers' Day as Military Spouse Day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 9, 2025, as Military Spouse Appreciation Day 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.