Assembly Resolution No. 618

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

WHEREAS, Many citizens of the great State of New York honored this country by serving valiantly in the United States Armed Forces and their reserve components; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this State can never forget the courageousness with which these servicemen and women fought and provided essential services on battlefields, in jungles, in the air, and at sea; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud of its commitment to those in the military who served in the time of active conflict and in times of peace; and

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

WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month, designated by Congress, provides a period of encompassing both the history and recognition of our armed forces with an in-depth look at the diversity of its individuals and achievements; and

WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month allows New Yorkers to educate each generation of the historical impact of our military through the participation of the community with those who serve, encouraging patriotism and love of America; and

WHEREAS, The month of May gives the Nation and State a forum, a framework, a time, and place on which to focus, to draw attention and express our gratitude to our armed forces and to recall our history; and

WHEREAS, May 2025, National Military Appreciation Month, includes VE Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day, Public Service Recognition Week, and Memorial Day; this important month, therefore, honors these Americans who have given their lives in service to our great nation and the men and women now serving in uniform; and

WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month recognizes those on active duty in all branches of services, the National Guard and Reserves, military retirees, veterans, and all their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to most gratefully acknowledge the servicemen and women, veterans, military retirees and all their families and respectfully memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Military Appreciation Month in the

State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitable engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.