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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 2025, as Culinary Arts Month in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to recognize the professional cooks and chefs who bring innovative cuisine from their kitchens to our tables every day; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 2025, as Culinary Arts Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Culinary Arts Month; and

**WHEREAS,** National Culinary Arts Month has been observed since at least 2002; culinary arts, in which culinary means "related to cooking", are the cuisine arts of food preparation, cooking, and presentation of food, usually in the form of meals; and

**WHEREAS,** Around the country, culinary schools, restaurants, and kitchens will be honoring chefs for their inventive recipes and creative dishes; the month-long celebration spotlights the best in the industry, the latest trends and what is exciting in the culinary world; and

**WHEREAS,** From delicate pastries to the freshest seafood dishes and spice combinations, chefs and cooks hone their skills daily to stay on the edge of culinary perfection; and

**WHEREAS,** In an effort to equip and prepare students for their future careers and post-secondary education in a globally competitive 21st Century environment, the William Floyd Hospitality Services Academy within the William Floyd School District, located in the Town of Brookhaven on Long Island, continues to add new and exciting academic opportunities for students with the Career and Technical Education (CTE) academy programs; and

**WHEREAS,** The goal of the CTE program, along with the already thriving Business Education Department, is to give students a variety of options to explore their interests and get a head start on their secondary education or careers; and

**WHEREAS,** This offers a two-year course in culinary arts; the course of study includes classroom instruction and practical experience in the skills and theory needed to be employed in a variety of food service professions; and

**WHEREAS,** Students will learn in a fully-equipped kitchen, which is equivalent to those found in restaurants around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** Successful completion of the program provides students with

an opportunity to earn up to seven advanced college credits through Suffolk County Community College's Beacon Program; these credits may be applied to the following SCCC programs of study: Culinary, Baking or Hotel Management; and

**WHEREAS,** Events which celebrate the culinary arts and the professionals who create and inspire them should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 2025, as Culinary Arts Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Culinary Arts Month; 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 William Floyd Hospitality Services Academy.