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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 10, 2025, as Golf Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Golf Day

WHEREAS, National Golf Day is celebrated every May 10th; this special day actively encourages more people to take up the sport; through the years, industry leaders in the United States have worked to make golf more accessible and affordable; and

WHEREAS, Participation in the sport of golf has increased dramatically since 2020; National Golf Day reinforces the sport's emotional, social, physical, and environmental benefits; it is a day to remember that this excellent sport could be for everyone; and

WHEREAS, The American golf industry remains represented in every state of the country with more than 15,000 golf facilities, two thirds of which are open to the public; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 47 million Americans enjoy playing the game, accounting for approximately 543 million rounds played in 2023; and

WHEREAS, The golf industry provides two million jobs, generating a total economic impact of more than \$100 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, The physical and social benefits of all golf facilities - municipal, public, and private - extend to users of all ages and demographics; and

WHEREAS, Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course in Bronx, New York, opened as the first public golf course in the United States in 1895 and continues in operation today, welcoming golfers from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Four golf courses within New York State's Capital Region are celebrating their centennial anniversaries this year; and

WHEREAS, The golf industry continues to generate major professional golf tournaments that are played in New York State; and

WHEREAS, New York State is hosting the 2025 Ryder Cup at the Bethpage State Park - Black Course; and

WHEREAS, New York State will also be home to the 2026 US Open at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton and 2028 US Open at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck; and

WHEREAS, The golf industry in New York State is excited to release its new economic and environmental impact statements, in conjunction with the Ryder Cup, later this year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 10, 2025, as Golf Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Golf Day; 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.