

Assembly Resolution No. 926

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 2-6, 2026, as School Counseling Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National School Counseling Week

WHEREAS, The American School Counselor Association has designated February 2-6, 2026, as "National School Counseling Week" to celebrate the contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems; and

WHEREAS, School counselors help develop and guide all students throughout their academic learning, social and emotional development, and career exploration; and

WHEREAS, School counselors assist students in managing serious challenges of growing up, including peer pressure, bullying, mental health issues, school violence, disciplinary problems, and more; and

WHEREAS, Our school counselors have been at the forefront in advocating for an education system that provides equitable opportunities for all students throughout New York; and

WHEREAS, Our schools and communities benefit from the expertise and guidance of professional school counselors who sharpen academic, career and social skills; and

WHEREAS, The national average ratio of students to school counselors is 376 to 1, exceeding the 250 to 1 ratio recommended by the American School Counselor Association and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, The current student-to-counselor ratio emphasizes just how essential this position is to student development and the importance of recognizing this line of work; and

WHEREAS, This year's theme, "School Counselors Amplify Student Success," highlights the vital impact these individuals can have both inside the classroom and in planning for a student's future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 2-6, 2026, as School Counseling Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National School Counseling Week; and be it further

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