Assembly Resolution No. 941

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memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 5, 2026, as Kashmir American Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 5, 2026, as Kashmir American Day in the State of New York, to be observed by the Kashmiri community statewide in recognition and celebration of Kashmiri cultural identity and heritage; and

WHEREAS, The Kashmiri American community has demonstrated resilience, perseverance, and civic engagement, and has established itself as an important and valued part of New York's diverse immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, Kashmiri people living throughout the world speak the Koshur language and practice distinct and ancient traditions rooted in Islam, Hinduism, and Sikhism; and

WHEREAS, The recognition of Kashmir American Day honors a unique cultural identity and storied history with origins in the Himalayan foothills and the Pir Panjal Range, and serves to preserve and promote Kashmiri heritage for future generations; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is committed to upholding human rights, including freedom of religion, movement, and expression, as guaranteed by the United States Constitution, and to recognizing the rich cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity of its residents; and

WHEREAS, New York State has long been a leader in advancing inclusion, equity, and social justice, and this Legislative Body acknowledges that the recognition of Kashmir American Day reflects those enduring values; and

WHEREAS, By honoring Kashmiri cultural identity, this observance promotes greater public awareness and understanding, while offering the Kashmiri American community recognition and affirmation of its contributions and aspirations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 5, 2026, as Kashmir American Day in the State of New York; 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 American Pakistani Advocacy Group (APAG).