

Assembly Resolution No. 943

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 15-21, 2026, as Grain Bin Safety Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks that are set aside to increase awareness of important issues that affect the lives of agricultural workers of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 15-21, 2026, as Grain Bin Safety Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Safety of farm and agricultural workers is of utmost importance to this state; and

WHEREAS, It takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient atmospheres; and

WHEREAS, Grain production, handling, and transportation is a significant industry in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, More than 900 cases of grain engulfment have been reported with a fatality rate of 62% in the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Through education and awareness of hazards, as well as safe work practices and procedures, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and the State of New York strive to reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage; and

WHEREAS, Grain Bin Safety Week is a collaborative effort by agricultural industry leaders and agricultural professionals working together; and

WHEREAS, Through education and awareness of hazards and safe work practices and procedures, the State of New York hopes to reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 15-21, 2026, as Grain Bin Safety Week in the State of New York; 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.