

## 2023-K638

Assembly Resolution No. 638

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
June 12-18, 2023, as Infant Mental Health Awareness  
Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with  
its time-honored traditions, to recognize and observe the importance of  
the mental health of residents across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, this Legislative Body is justly  
proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 12-18, 2023,  
as Infant Mental Health Awareness Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Infant mental health reflects the crucial first five years  
of a child's life in which they grow mentally, through observations of  
their emotional capacity, as well as in their primary relationships; and

WHEREAS, Infant mental health is dependent on the love and care that  
a child receives because the overall quality of the primary  
relationships in an infant's life dictate their choices and potential  
future experiences and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Loving and nurturing relationships offer a child a sense of  
emotional security; this emotional security allows a child the courage  
to explore the world and succeed far more; and

WHEREAS, During the initial five years of a child's life the foundation for proper social and emotional development are conceived and a child's understanding of self-worth and self-confidence are constructed; these necessary emotional developmental traits are crucial to success in school and life; and

WHEREAS, Without the proper care and affection during these initial five years, a child can become depressed, restless, and attention-starved, leading them to seek out solace from dangerous situations; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize those vital days which remind us of the importance of establishing a foundation of mental health for all adults; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 12-18, 2023, as Infant Mental Health Awareness 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.