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Assembly Resolution No. 2144

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
May 12-18, 2024, as Police Week in the State of New
York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to memorialize
Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 12-18, 2024, as Police Week in the
State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Police
Week; and

WHEREAS, This observance is to recognize and to honor the service
and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of
duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy;
and

WHEREAS, New York is proudly home to 601 strong, robust and
impactful police agencies with over 68,980 men and women working as
police officers throughout the State, while over 900,000 law enforcement
officers serve in communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Police officers in New York bravely put the wellbeing of
the community before themselves on a daily basis as these professionals
are among the best our State has to offer, and truly exemplify the best
of the New York spirit; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the history of the State of New York, over 1,772

brave men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others, and since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week, which was further established by a joint resolution of Congress which proclaimed that National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

WHEREAS, The names of all New York State heroes who sacrificed their lives in the performance of their duty are engraved on the walls of the New York State Police Officers Memorial in Albany, while the Police Memorial Wall in New York City commemorates fallen members of the New York City Police Department, along with the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the long-standing efforts of law enforcement in the State of New York who diligently contribute to the efficient and just operation of our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious issue, and more must be done to eradicate the assault, injury and death of our valued police officers at the local, State and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 12-18, 2024, as Police Week in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to all police-based unions and organizations throughout New York; the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund; the Concerns of Police Survivors; and the Fraternal Order of Police.