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Senate Resolution No. 141

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 1, 2023, as World Day of Peace in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize official days which exemplify the spirit and struggle of peoples throughout the world to achieve independence and live in peace and freedom; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body hereby memorializes Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 1, 2023, as World Day of Peace in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Celebrated annually on January 1st, World Day of Peace is primarily a Catholic feast day dedicated to universal peace on the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God; on this occasion, Popes make authoritative declarations on the Catholic Social Teachings (C.S.T.) and the benefits of a peaceful society; and

WHEREAS, World Day of Peace began in 1967 when Pope Paul VI announced the world needs to be sensitized and oriented for peace and understanding; inspired by the papal letters "Pacem in Terris" and "Populorum Progressio", the Pope recommended the church play a greater role in the search for world peace; and

WHEREAS, According to the letters "Pacem in Terris" and "Populorum Progressio," the Church and the Pope would focus on working toward achieving peace by developing order in four major areas: The relationship of an individual with other human beings, the relationship of an individual with particular states, the relationship of states among states, and the relationship of individuals and states with the worldwide community; and

WHEREAS, During this time, the church determined that in order to achieve actual peace, a culture of understanding and tolerance must be developed, beginning from the individual up to the state and then the global level; and

WHEREAS, Though the main theme of World Day of Peace, creating a culture of care, does not change, the sub-themes change each year to match specific needs and rising issues; and

WHEREAS, In today's world, where intolerance is prevalent, World Day of Peace serves as a reminder of how important social tolerance is, gives hope to those facing hardships, and serves as a platform for people and organizations to give a call to action in the name of world peace; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 1, 2023, as World Day of Peace 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.