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Senate Resolution No. 128

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 3-9, 2023, as Public Health 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 serious health issues that affect the lives of the citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 3-9, 2023, as Public Health Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Public Health Week; and

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week is a United States health awareness event backed by the American Public Health Association (APHA); and

WHEREAS, The first National Public Health Week took place in 1995, and has seen increasing support over the years; and

WHEREAS, This vital event aims to highlight public health achievements and improve the general health of the American people by educating the public about various health issues and how they can live longer lives; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 2.5 billion work days are lost due to illness every year, with an estimated fall in productivity of \$1 trillion; by improving the health of the nation, people's lives will improve and the country will continue to prosper; and

WHEREAS, Through education, health awareness campaigns can reduce the effects and consequences of many health conditions and diseases by preventing their onset or tackling any symptoms or issues early on; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of public health issues, and more must be done to increase activity 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 April 3-9, 2023, as Public Health 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.