

## 2023-J204

Senate Resolution No. 204

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 5, 2023, as World Environment Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 5, 2023, as World Environment Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, World Environment Day takes place every year on June 5th; it is the United Nations' most important day for promoting worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment; since it began in 1974, it has grown to be the largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions of people in more than 100 countries; and

WHEREAS, World Environment Day is the "people's day" for doing something to take care of the Earth; that "something" can be focused locally, nationally or globally; it can be a solo action or involve a crowd; everyone is free to choose; and

WHEREAS, Scientists, non-governmental organizations, business, and governments worldwide now are looking at natural system processes and emerging green technologies to restore the world's ecosystems and forests, conserve and rebuild soils, improve farming practices, restore wildlife populations and rid the world's oceans of plastics; and

WHEREAS, Natural processes including reforestation and soil conservation can store massive amounts of carbon while restoring biodiversity, clean water and air and rebalancing ecological systems; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious environmental issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state, national and international levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 5, 2023, as World Environment Day 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.