



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Helming Proclamation Recognizing School Counselors

PAMELA HELMING February 6, 2023



### Recognizing School Counselors during School Counseling Week, February 6-10, 2023

**WHEREAS**, School counselors and school counseling programs are a vital and integral part of the educational process and experience; and

**WHEREAS**, School counselors provide an array of services in public and private schools throughout the state which benefit students, parents, teachers, administrators, and the broader community; and

**WHEREAS**, Among these, school counselors provide essential counseling and information, developmental guidance, and educational and career planning; and

**WHEREAS**, School counselors are actively involved in helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents; and

**WHEREAS**, Additionally, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social growth of their children; and

**WHEREAS**, School counselors encourage students to set realistic goals, and develop critical thinking, decision-making, and leadership skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Through this work, school counselors motivate students to see and reach their full potential in school and in life; and

**WHEREAS**, School counselors also identify and work with community resources that enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs in order to assist students to become productive and engaged members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, School counselors further help students solve problems, deal with conflict and, are increasingly called upon to support children's mental health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, Oftentimes, school counselors make themselves available simply to listen and empathize; the importance and value of their work cannot be overstated, and is due our collective gratitude and respect; now, therefore, be it

**PROCLAIMED**, That School Counseling Week provides an opportunity to increase awareness of school counseling programs and services; to note the significant role school counselors play in our schools and in our children's lives; and, to acknowledge and commend the exemplary dedication and unique contributions of professional school counselors; and be

it further

**PROCLAIMED,** That I, Senator Pamela A. Helming, express my deep appreciation and respect for our school counselors and proudly recognize the individual contributions of each school counselor in the 54th Senate District during School Counseling Week.

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