

## 2023-K530

Assembly Resolution No. 530

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
May 12, 2023, as Military Spouse Appreciation Day in  
the State of New York

WHEREAS, America's military spouses are the backbone of the families  
who support our troops during mission, deployment, reintegration and  
reset; and

WHEREAS, Military spouses are silent heroes who are essential to the  
strength of the nation, and they serve our country just like their loved  
ones; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize  
Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 12, 2023, as Military Spouse  
Appreciation Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the  
observance of National Military Spouse Appreciation Month; and

WHEREAS, On April 17, 1984, President Ronald Reagan recognized the  
profound importance of spousal commitment to the readiness and  
well-being of military members with Proclamation 5184; Congress  
officially made Military Spouse Appreciation Day part of National  
Military Appreciation Month in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, the Department of Defense standardized the  
date by declaring the Friday before Mother's Day every year as Military

Spouse Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, On Military Spouse Appreciation Day, we honor the contribution and sacrifices made by military spouses whose commitment and support help to keep our country safe; military spouses truly have a great impact on our lives and our military communities; and

WHEREAS, Military spouses share a bond with each other, and share valuable information pertaining to military news, benefits, fitness, and so much more; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of Military Spouse Appreciation Day, the armed forces host special events and programs to inform, honor, and recognize military spouses around the world; events range from spouse appreciation luncheons to educational workshops, and spouse employment fairs which pay tribute to military spouses; and

WHEREAS, National Military Spouse Appreciation Month recognizes the spouses of those on active duty in all branches of the services, the National Guard and Reserves, military retirees, and veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 12, 2023, as Military Spouse Appreciation 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.