

## 2023-K663

Assembly Resolution No. 663

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
August 11, 2023, as Hip Hop Day in the State of New  
York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with  
its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those who  
seek to preserve and celebrate the musical heritage of our State and  
Nation; 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 August 11, 2023, as Hip  
Hop Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, On August 11, 1973, at a Back To School Jam organized by  
his sister Cindy Campbell, and held at the recreation room of 1520  
Sedgwick Avenue in the Bronx, New York, Clive DJ Kool Herc Campbell  
introduced his innovative style of disk jockeying and, together with the  
master of ceremonies engaging the crowd with rap on the microphone while  
party-goers known as B-boys and B-girls danced, introduced a new style,  
later known as Hip Hop, which combined the elements of a disk jockey  
(commonly known as a DJ), a master of ceremonies (commonly known as an  
MC), music, art, fashion, and dance; and

WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings in New York City, the music,

lyricism, dance, fashion, and art of Hip Hop has become a culture, now found in communities across the United States, and has long been a worldwide phenomenon; and

WHEREAS, Hip Hop artists and supporters, originally of African heritage, now transcend many different ages, ethnicities, religions, locations, political affiliations, and socioeconomic statuses, which demonstrates the melting-pot quality of Hip Hop art and culture; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Hip Hop has inspired generations of young people to express themselves and celebrate their culture, and has greatly contributed to the entertainment and cultural enrichment of its community and the entire State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim August 11, 2023, as Hip Hop Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York.