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Senate Resolution No. 1637

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
October 2024, as Information Literacy Month in the  
State of New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in participating in  
months of observation of significant issues; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize  
Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2024, as Information Literacy  
Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of  
National Information Literacy Month; and

WHEREAS, Information literacy provides the tools and skills to find,  
evaluate, and use credible information from all sources in our  
constantly evolving world; and

WHEREAS, When taught at an early age and reinforced in educational  
institutions, information literacy can lead our citizens to a deeper  
appreciation for respecting the authorship of all information through  
proper attribution, in order to promote a more cooperative and civil  
community; and

WHEREAS, The ability to search, find, decipher, and analyze  
different forms of information is a key component in effective  
decision-making across various financial, medical, educational, and

industrial fields; and

WHEREAS, Information literacy, as taught in schools and libraries, is a crucial part of education and will expose students to analytic and research practices that will better prepare them for changing technologies; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who are comfortable working with the informational resources available in the digital world are able to seek highly skilled jobs and compete at high levels in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, Information literacy encourages individuals to draw conclusions, make informed decisions, and apply knowledge to using new technology concepts; it also supports creative thinking that may develop innovative products and processes using technology; and

WHEREAS, Using information acquired through technology to understand human, cultural, and societal issues promotes an informed and engaged citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Through public awareness, the State of New York seeks to remind citizens, employers, government agencies, and institutions of the importance of information literacy for economic prosperity, social cohesion, educational opportunity, and an enhanced quality of life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2024, as Information Literacy Month 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.