

## 2023-J1690

Senate Resolution No. 1690

BY: Senator TEDISCO

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
February 15, 2024, as Cholangiocarcinoma Awareness  
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  
illnesses 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 February 15, 2024, as  
Cholangiocarcinoma Awareness Day in the State of New York, in  
conjunction with the observance of World Cholangiocarcinoma Day; and

WHEREAS, Cholangiocarcinoma is a type of cancer that develops in the  
bile ducts, small tubes that carry digestive fluids in and around the  
liver, including the gallbladder; approximately 12,000 cases of  
cholangiocarcinoma are diagnosed each year in the United States, making  
it a rare type of cancer; and

WHEREAS, The mortality rate for cholangiocarcinoma is alarmingly  
high and steadily increasing; unfortunately, most cases of bile duct  
cancer are diagnosed at a late stage, when treatment options are  
somewhat limited and surgery is often not possible; when found at an  
advanced stage, the five-year survival rate is less than 20%; and

WHEREAS, Established in October of 2005, the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation remains true to its mission to find a cure and improve the quality of life for those affected by cholangiocarcinoma, also known as bile duct cancer; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Green is the color which represents cholangiocarcinoma; citizens of the State of New York are encouraged to wear this bright shade of green in an effort to bring attention to this horrific disease which to date, has no cure; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious health condition, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and National levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 15, 2024, as Cholangiocarcinoma Awareness 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.