

## 2023-K968

Assembly Resolution No. 968

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
March 17-23, 2024, as Agriculture Week in the State  
of New York

WHEREAS, Hardworking American farmers provide New York State, the  
Nation, and much of the world with a safe, healthy, affordable, and  
abundant food supply; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize  
Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 17-23, 2024, as Agriculture Week  
in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National  
Agriculture Week; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture Week recognizes and celebrates the abundance  
provided by agriculture; every year, producers, agricultural  
associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and  
countless others across America join together to recognize the  
contributions of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Each American farm feeds 166 people, a dramatic increase  
from 25 people in the 1960s; quite simply, American agriculture is doing  
more, and doing it better; as the world population soars, there is an  
even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United  
States; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis, however, too few people truly understand this contribution; this is particularly the case in our schools, where students may only be exposed to agriculture if they enroll in related vocational training; and

WHEREAS, By building awareness, the Agriculture Council of America is encouraging young people to consider career opportunities in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of National Agriculture Week is in recognition of all the farmers who feed us and our families every day and of the importance of agriculture as a vital industry and economic driver in New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 17-23, 2024, as Agriculture Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Agriculture Week, honoring and recognizing the important contributions of all branches of farming to the health, economic well-being, environment, beauty, and future of New York State; 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.