

## 2023-K978

Assembly Resolution No. 978

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim the Persian-American community's celebration of the Persian New Year, Nowruz, on March 19, 2024

WHEREAS, The Persian-American community holds a cherished tradition in celebrating Nowruz, the Persian New Year, a festive occasion signifying renewal, cultural heritage and the arrival of Spring; and

WHEREAS, On March 19, 2024, the Persian-American community joyously observes Nowruz, embracing ancient customs, rituals and values passed down through generations; and

WHEREAS, Nowruz symbolizes the spirit of rebirth, unity and hope, fostering cultural pride and a sense of community among Persian-Americans in New York State and abroad; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of Nowruz offers an opportunity to recognize and honor the rich cultural heritage, diverse traditions and contributions of the Persian-American community to the vibrant mosaic of New York's cultural landscape; and

WHEREAS, Acknowledging Nowruz signifies New York State's commitment to fostering diversity, inclusivity and understanding among its residents, promoting the appreciation of various cultural traditions; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 19, 2024, as Day of Nowruz 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; and to distinguished members of the Persian-American community.