

## 2023-K2086

Assembly Resolution No. 2086

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
April 23, 2024, as Book and Copyright 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 celebrate and recognize the scope of  
books, a link between the past and the future, a bridge between  
generations and across cultures; 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 April 23, 2024, as Book  
and Copyright Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the  
observance of World Book and Copyright Day; and

WHEREAS, Held each year on April 23, World Book and Copyright Day is  
a celebration to promote the enjoyment of books and reading; the day  
also recognizes the three major sectors of the book industry,  
publishers, booksellers, and libraries; and

WHEREAS, The theme for this year's World Book and Copyright Day is  
"Indigenous Languages," and aims to honor the start of the International  
Decade of Indigenous Languages and encourage linguistic diversity and  
multilingualism; and

WHEREAS, World Book and Copyright Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on April 23, 1995; the date was chosen to honor the anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare and Spanish chronicler Inca Garcilaso de la Vega; and

WHEREAS, UNESCO enacted World Book and Copyright Day because they considered books to have been the most powerful factor in the dissemination of knowledge and the most effective means of preserving it; promoting the dissemination of books will not only serve to enlighten all those who have access to them, but also to develop fuller collective awareness of cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire behavior based on understanding, tolerance, and dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Citizens may participate in World Book and Copyright Day by dressing up as a literary character, supporting local booksellers, hosting a book club, or by simply reading a book; and

WHEREAS, Acknowledging the immense contribution of writers to the dynamic and diverse cultural scene of New York; and

WHEREAS, New York has the largest book publishing industry in the country; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize books as vital vehicles to access, transmit and promote education, science, culture and information worldwide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 23, 2024, as Book and Copyright 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.