

## 2023-J2553

Senate Resolution No. 2553

BY: Senator RHOADS

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
May 2024, as Speech-Language-Hearing Month in the  
State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize  
official months that are set aside to increase awareness of health  
issues 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 May 2024, as  
Speech-Language-Hearing Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Speech-Language-Hearing Month is a time to celebrate the  
vital role that communication plays in the lives of New York citizens  
and to raise awareness about the importance of speech, language, and  
hearing health; and

WHEREAS, The work of speech-language and hearing professionals who  
dedicate their careers to helping individuals overcome communication  
challenges is vital; utilizing evidence-based therapies and  
interventions to enhance communication skills and improve quality of  
life, they help children develop their first words, assist adults  
recovering from stroke or brain injury, and provide essential support to  
individuals with a wide range of needs; and

WHEREAS, Serving as a reminder to prioritize communication health and to seek professional help when needed, Speech-Language-Hearing Month is meant to aid communities in understanding the complexities of communication and appreciating the dedicated professionals who work in the field; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this issue and that communities work to foster a society that values and supports the right to communicate effectively; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2024, as Speech-Language-Hearing 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.