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Senate Resolution No. 1493

BY: Senator PARKER

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
May 2022, as Skin Cancer Awareness Month in the
State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize
Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2022, as Skin Cancer Awareness
Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of
National Melanoma Month; and

WHEREAS, The American Academy of Dermatology has designated National
Melanoma Month to raise awareness about skin cancer; many events have
been planned focused on skin health, sun safety, tanning prevention, and
skin cancer screening and resources; and

WHEREAS, Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United
States, with about 1.3 million new cases diagnosed each year; according
to the Skin Cancer Foundation, the incidence and mortality of skin
cancer have increased exponentially during the past several decades and
every year the figure mounts; and

WHEREAS, One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their
lifetime; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, it is anticipated
that this year approximately 76,690 new cases of malignant melanoma will

be diagnosed in the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated by the American Cancer Society that there will be approximately 9,480 deaths attributable to malignant melanoma and other skin cancers in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Over one million new cases will be basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma, which have a better than 98 percent cure rate if detected early; and

WHEREAS, The best way to prevent skin cancer is to avoid the sun, especially between the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when its rays are the strongest; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that when people are out in the sun, they should wear wide-brimmed hats, long-sleeved shirts, and pants; and

WHEREAS, It is also suggested that people use a sunscreen product with a sun protection factor of at least 30, applying it 15-30 minutes before going into the sun, and re-applying it every two hours and after swimming or sweating, and discarding any product that may be over a year old unless there is an expiration date; and

WHEREAS, It is important to realize that one must be wary of cloudy days too, because it is still possible to get burned; and

WHEREAS, The sun's rays can reach through three feet of water; and

WHEREAS, The American Academy of Dermatology urges everyone to examine their skin regularly, since most skin cancers can be cured if

detected early; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body affirms its commitment to promote an environment which supports and encourages vigorous research activities, and the institutions engaged in those activities, to further skin cancer research; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body also reaffirms its commitment to foster efforts directed at the advancement of detection, diagnosis, and treatment of skin cancer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2022, as Skin Cancer Awareness 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.