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Senate Resolution No. 1515

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
May 17, 2022, as Telecommunication and Information  
Society 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 increase awareness of serious issues  
that affect the lives of the residents of the State of New York; 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 17, 2022, as  
Telecommunication and Information Society Day in the State of New York,  
in conjunction with the observance of World Telecommunication and  
Information Society Day; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 crisis has not only highlighted the critical  
role of information and communication technologies (ICTs) for continued  
functioning of societies but has also brought to the fore the startling  
digital inequalities between and within countries; and

WHEREAS, International Telecommunication Union (ITU) members have  
stepped up and engaged in activities that have proven essential in  
saving lives and sustaining economies; they have demonstrated their  
remarkable resilience in the face of challenging times; and

WHEREAS, At the same time, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the urgency of accelerating digital transformation and advancing the goals and targets of the Connect 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind; and

WHEREAS, World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) 2022 is an opportunity for ITU membership to continue to push for digital transformation by promoting national strategies on ICT development, smart policies to encourage investments, cooperation, and partnership; and

WHEREAS, ITU invites residents to actively participate in commemorating the theme of WTISD 2022, "Digital Technologies for Older Persons and Healthy Ageing," throughout the year with national, regional, and international initiatives to accelerate digital transformation; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and National levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 17, 2022, as Telecommunication and Information Society 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.