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Assembly Resolution No. 647

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
March 18, 2022, as Recycling Day in the State of New
York, in conjunction with the observance of World
Recycling Day

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to set aside days
in the State of New York which recognize the importance of practicing
sound environmental procedures, protecting our precious resources, and
preserving our natural environment; 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 March 18, 2022, as
Recycling Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the
observance of World Recycling Day; and

WHEREAS, World Recycling Day will be celebrated at a recycling and
upcycling event hosted by the Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe in
Shoreham, New York; and

WHEREAS, Nikola Tesla was one of the finest scientists in the modern
world, patenting the rotating magnetic field, Alternating Current (AC)
Motor and Alternating Current (AC) generation and Transmission, as well
as the Tesla coil and many other inventions; and

WHEREAS, In 1902, Nikola Tesla completed construction of his 18-story transmitting tower and laboratory known as Wardenclyffe; in 1917, it was broken down and recycled to raise funds; and

WHEREAS, A non-profit organization, the Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe, was founded to restore the historic Wardenclyffe site and open a Tesla Museum and Science Center; and

WHEREAS, Through generous contributions from businesses, community leaders, and the people's republic of Serbia, where Nikola Tesla was born, the Wardenclyffe property was purchased in 2013, and volunteers began clean-up efforts; and

WHEREAS, Since then, volunteers have collected 178,510 pounds (89.26 tons) of metal for the restoration of Wardenclyffe, Nikola Tesla's only remaining lab; in 2018, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places by the Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, Recycling helps to prevent pollution, reduces the need to harvest new raw materials, saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, saves money, reduces the amount of waste that ends up in landfills, and allows products to be used to their fullest extent; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York, in concert with the national and global community, should not only set goals to recycle, but also set goals on how to achieve the reuse of components of seemingly obsolete objects; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 18, 2022, as Recycling Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Recycling Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, and the Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe.