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Assembly Resolution No. 926

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
May 2022, as Preeclampsia Awareness 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 serious
pregnancy complications 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 2022, as Preeclampsia
Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the
observance of National Preeclampsia Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Celebrated every year in May, Preeclampsia Awareness Month
draws attention to the fact that at least 5-8% of all pregnancies are
affected by preeclampsia, which is characterized by high blood pressure,
the presence of protein in the urine, and swelling in the mother's legs,
feet, and hands; and

WHEREAS, Preeclampsia can range from mild to severe and usually
begins after 20 weeks of pregnancy in women whose blood pressure had
been normal; left untreated, it can lead to serious, even fatal,
complications for both mother and baby; and

WHEREAS, Despite patient advocacy, the efforts of researchers, scientists and clinicians, and millions of dollars investment in seeking its prevention, the rate of preeclampsia in the United States has increased 25% in the last two decades and is a leading cause of maternal and infant illness and death; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious health condition, and more must be done to educate, support and engage the community, improve healthcare practices, and find a cure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2022, as Preeclampsia Awareness Month in the State of New York, and to urge the citizens of this great Empire State to learn about the causes, symptoms, diagnoses and treatments for this condition; 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.