

## 2023-J84

Senate Resolution No. 84

BY: Senator PARKER

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
May 10-14, 2023, as Juror Appreciation Week in the  
State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize  
citizens of New York State who take the time to ensure the foundation of  
American Democracy; and

WHEREAS, The right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of  
American citizenship; and

WHEREAS, The obligation and privilege to serve as a juror are as  
fundamental to our democracy as the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, The right to trial by jury has its roots in English common  
law and was included in the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, The right to trial by jury was enshrined in the  
Constitution in Article 3 Section 2 as well as in the 6th Amendment of  
the Bill of Rights which guarantees the right to an impartial jury; and

WHEREAS, Service by citizens as jurors is indispensable to the  
judicial system; and

WHEREAS, All citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned

for jury service; and

WHEREAS, A continuing and imperative goal for the courts, the bar, and the broader community is to ensure that jury selection and jury service are fair, effective, and not unduly burdensome on anyone; and

WHEREAS, One of the most significant actions a court system can take is to show appreciation for the jury system and for the hundreds of thousands of citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve on juries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 10-14, 2023, as Juror Appreciation Week 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.