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Senate Resolution No. 124

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
April 1, 2023, as Fossil Fools Day in the State of
New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize significant days dedicated to improving and protecting the natural environment of which all citizens of this State and Nation benefit; days devoted to raising awareness and counteracting harmful practices that negatively affect the environment are of utmost importance; 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 April 1, 2023, as Fossil Fools Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Fossil Fools Day was created to raise awareness about environmental concerns as a result of the burning of fossil fuels; although they are a cheap and available source of energy, fossil fuels emit carbon dioxide in massive amounts which is hazardous for our environment; and

WHEREAS, The purpose behind Fossil Fools Day is to spread knowledge about alternative energy sources and to request people's support for and commitment to shaping a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, Fossil Fools Day came into existence in 2004, when Canadian and American college students decided to play strategic pranks centered around climate change; the students made unpleasant demonstrations of dangers resulting from fossil fuel production and emissions in the public eye and on university campuses with the motive of having the public acknowledge and confront the global crisis; and

WHEREAS, Through the demonstrations, students pointed fingers at major carbon emitters, like the Chief Executives of oil and natural gas companies, government leaders, and legislators who push for drilling projects, construction of pipelines, fracking, and more; these are the "Fossil Fools" that the day refers to; and

WHEREAS, The reason for this day is not just about student displays and mock protests; as responsible citizens, everyone needs to do our bit to save our planet from decaying, such as making simple lifestyle changes like ditching cars and riding bikes, reducing screen timing, using solar-powered lights, cooking with wind energy, and the like; and

WHEREAS, The most efficient ways to observe Fossil Fools Day is to educate oneself, join rallies for climate action, and to teach the people in your lives about the threats and dangers facing the planet and the environment; and

WHEREAS, The goal of Fossil Fools Day is not to plan only one day of events and activities, but to continue worldwide efforts to protect all aspects of the environment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 1, 2023, as Fossil Fools 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.