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Senate Resolution No. 619

BY: Senator THOMAS

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim  
March 5-11, 2023, as Consumer Protection Week in the  
State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with  
its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those who  
seek to educate citizens on their consumer rights and protect consumers  
throughout our State and Nation; 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 5-11, 2023, as  
Consumer Protection Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with  
the observance of National Consumer Protection Week; and

WHEREAS, National Consumer Protection Week is the Federal Trade  
Commission's Annual Week of Recognition during March which promotes the  
education of consumer rights and assisting consumers in making  
well-informed decisions about their money; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission will be celebrating its Annual  
National Consumer Protection Week; and

WHEREAS, National Consumer Protection Week began in 1998 to help  
educate consumers about their credit and debit, how to stop

telemarketing calls, how to safely shop online, and how to tell if you are being scammed or if your identity is being stolen; and

WHEREAS, Each year during this week, the Federal Trade Commission, along with numerous Consumer Protection organizations come together to host educational events and provide instructional materials through publications, social media, and their main website; and

WHEREAS, The education of consumer rights remains vital as consumers still face many dangers; the Bureau of Justice Statistics estimates that 17.7 million Americans have fallen victim to identity theft in 2016 alone; and

WHEREAS, Events which provide a means of educating consumers and helping them make well informed decisions regarding their credit, telemarketing cards, online shopping, and scams help contribute to the consumer protection of our great State and Nation, and are held in the highest regard by this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 5-11, 2023, as Consumer Protection 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.