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Hon. Kathleen C. Hochul
Governor
State of New York
Albany, New York

Dear Gov. Hochul:

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) congratulates you on becoming the 57th Governor on August 25 and the first woman Governor in the State of New York in its 233-year history.

At the press conference on August 11, 2021, Governor-to-be Hochul stated, "It's not something we expected or asked for, but I'm fully prepared to assume the responsibilities as the 57th governor of the state of New York." A former Democratic Congresswoman, Hochul served as lieutenant governor of New York since 2015, chairing 10 economic development councils that invest in projects across the state. She co-chairs a task force to combat heroin and opioid abuse, and also led Cuomo's "Enough is Enough" campaign in 2015 to combat sexual assault on college campuses.

Former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg remarked, "It's a new day for New York. Her pragmatic leadership style will help her get things done – and her experience in local government will serve her well. Rooting for her and wishing her the best at this critical moment in our state's history".

New York Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins in a statement said it is a "somber day" for New York but an opportunity to move forward. "We will continue to address the Covid-19 pandemic, rebuild our economy and face our challenges standing together," she said. "Governor Hochul is a dedicated leader, and united, we will get the people's work done."

IDC looks forward to an expedited agenda of healing and progress, recognizing the vital role of outstanding leadership and conveys its best wishes to you as Governor and the people of the State of New York.

We place high value in your position as the new Governor of the State of New York working hard to address the needs and concerns of a very diverse and progressive state while leading the way for better and more secure livelihoods for all segments of society.

Sincerely,
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