

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing Wednesday, May 1, 2013, as Law Day U.S.A. in the State of New York

WHEREAS, For over two centuries, our State and Nation have adhered to the rule of law as the foundation for a safe, free, and just society; seeking to formally recognize this tradition, President Eisenhower established Law Day in 1958, as "a day of national dedication to the principles of government under the law"; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body celebrates the importance of Law Day U.S.A. in the State of New York; in doing so, we, as citizens, of this great State and this Nation, recommit ourselves to the rule of law and to upholding the fundamental principles enshrined in our founding documents; and

WHEREAS, The theme of this year's Law Day is "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All" in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is committed to ensuring that the citizens of New York State understand, remain dedicated to, and are protected by the principles of government under the law; now; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize Wednesday, May 1, 2013, as Law Day U.S.A. in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laurel G. Bellows, President, American Bar Association, and Seymour W. James, President, New York State Bar Association.