

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 194th Anniversary of the Independence of Peru on July 28, 2015

WHEREAS, The history of the Peruvian people dates back to as early as 10,000 BC and the oldest complex civilization, Norte Chico, flourished along the coast of the Pacific between 3000 and 1800 BC; and

WHEREAS, Later cultures emerged including the Cipisnique, Chimu, Wari, Chavin, Paracas, Mochica, Nazca as well as the Incas who in the 15th Century formed the most powerful empire in Pre-Columbian America; and

WHEREAS, Peru, a Spanish Viceroyalty since 1535, was notably exploited for its rich mineral deposits and guano used for fertilizers; and

WHEREAS, By the early 19th Century, most South American territories were swept by wars of independence, while the powerful colonial government of the Viceroyalty of Peru remained loyal to Spain, only to be challenged by the military campaigns for independence led by Jose de San Martin and later, Simon Bolivar; and

WHEREAS, The revolutionary army led by San Martin was much smaller than that of royalist forces, so a direct attack on the Spanish was not a prudent move; and

WHEREAS, The revolution strategy consisted of the Peruvian people conducting the uprisings themselves while the revolutionary forces began to organize a new Peruvian government; and

WHEREAS, On February 21, 1821, Jose de San Martin promulgated the Provisional Rules, a set of legal guarantees for Peruvian citizens; and

WHEREAS, On July 28, 1821, the army led by San Martin took over Lima and independence from Spain was finally proclaimed; the new Peru named San Martin their "Protector" and their ruler; and

WHEREAS, On July 26, 1822, San Martin met with Simon Bolivar at Guayaquil to plan the future of Latin America; and

WHEREAS, The separation from Spain culminated in 1824 resulting from the Battles on Junin and Ayachcho; and

WHEREAS, Many Peruvians have made New York their home, and this Legislative Body is justly proud to thank the Peruvian people for their contributions to this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 194th Anniversary of the Independence of Peru on July 28, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ambassador Maria Teresa Merino Hart, Consul General of Peru in New York, and the various Peruvian organizations in the State of New York.