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RECOGNIZING Saturday, July 22, 2017, as National Day of the Cowboy in New York State

WHEREAS, In the course of American history, the patriotism of the citizens of this great country has become embodied in revered symbols of loyalty, strength and determination; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize Saturday, July 22, 2017, as National Day of the Cowboy in New York State; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated by the Painted Pony Rodeo at their 5th Annual Ranches, Rodeos & Wranglers Weekend on July 21-22, 2017, in Lake Luzerne, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, **American Cowboy** magazine launched the National Day of the American Cowboy campaign as a way to acknowledge and preserve the heritage, history and culture of America's Cowboys and Cowgirls; and

WHEREAS, Pioneering men and women, recognized as "Cowboys," helped establish the American West; the Cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, respect, a strong work ethic, and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, The Cowboy archetype transcends ethnicity, gender, and geographic boundaries; they are excellent stewards of this country's soil and its creatures, and live off the land to protect and enhance the environment; and

WHEREAS, Cowboy traditions have been a part of American culture for generations; they continue to be an important part of the economy through the work of countless ranchers in all 50 of the United States who contribute to the economic well-being of nearly every county in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Cowboys are central figures in literature, film, and music and occupy a central place in the public imagination; and

WHEREAS, True American icons, the ongoing contributions made by Cowboys and Cowgirls to their communities should be recognized and encouraged by all citizens of this great Empire State and the Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize Saturday, July 22, 2017, as National Day of the Cowboy in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Painted Pony Rodeo.