

Assembly Resolution No. 800

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COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of Nauru
Independence to be celebrated on January 31, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commemorate historical events which exemplify the spirit and struggle of peoples throughout the world to achieve independence and live in peace and freedom; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Nauru Independence to be celebrated on January 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Independence Day is a significant public holiday in Nauru; it is celebrated every year and marks the date, after entering into a UN trusteeship after World War II, it attained its independence in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious occasion is celebrated and provides an opportunity for all people to reflect upon the rich history of the Republic of Nauru and the many contributions of Nauruans to our country as well as the world; and

WHEREAS, Nauru, located in the South Pacific, is the world's smallest independent republic island with a population of approximately 11,000 residents; though small in size, it has served as a voice of reason in the international arena; and

WHEREAS, Millions of citizens of the State of New York share together with the Republic of Nauru, a deep affinity for the Jewish State and its principles of democracy; and

WHEREAS, In December of 2017, Nauru displayed its commitment to justice by joining with the United States and other countries to vote against a United Nations resolution condemning the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel; Nauru has had diplomatic relations with Israel since 1994, and has proven to be a true nation friend, voting with Israel in every public forum in which they are both members; and

WHEREAS, Both countries share many of the same values and principles of democracy; they have enjoyed enduring friendship and valuable ties, and have joined together on various agriculture, water and clean energy projects; and

WHEREAS, On a recent visit to Israel, Nauru President Baron Waqa reaffirmed his nation's unwavering support and friendship to the Jewish State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Nauru Independence, and to wish its leaders and citizens many more years of prosperity in good health, tranquility and happiness, as well as thank them for their courage in their unwavering support of Israel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Baron Waqa, President, Nauru.