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RECOGNIZING January 24, 2020, as International Day
of Education

WHEREAS, The United Nations designates specific days, weeks, years and decades as occasions to mark particular events or topics in order to promote, through awareness and action, the objectives of the United Nations and its global citizenry; and

WHEREAS, In furtherance of the principles and goals of international diplomacy and the magnitude of importance of education, and the inherent fundamental right to have an education, the United Nations, in conjunction with the Permanent Missions of Nigeria, Singapore, Ireland and Qatar to the United Nations, in partnership with UNESCO, UNICEF, UN Women and Collegiate Congress wishes to promote January 24, 2020, as the International Day of Education; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the United Nations does not observe an International Day of Education; with the goal of stressing the need and importance of global education, the Collegiate Congress submitted a proposal to the United Nations Member States urging the UN General Assembly to observe an International Day of Education; and

WHEREAS, The International Day of Education is meant to help students and youth discover and explore the possibilities for productive and constructive methodologies in order to improve student and youth life of which education is the key component; and

WHEREAS, The need for the understanding of a global perspective on student and youth development and education methodologies will lead to the betterment of students globally; and

WHEREAS, The importance of recognizing the International Day of Education stresses that education plays a key role in building sustainable and resilient societies and contributes to the achievement of all; through this recognized day, the International Day of Education increases the productivity of individuals and strengthens the potential for economic growth, develops the skills needed for decent work, develops the professional skills needed for sustainable development, including in the fields of water and sanitation, green energy and the conservation of natural resources, helps to eradicate poverty and hunger, contributes to improved health, promotes gender equality and can reduce inequality, and promotes peace, the rule of law and respect for human rights; and

WHEREAS, New York State understands the importance of the right for all to have an education, and how the same can further the well-being of both the State of New York, Our Great Nation and the World as a whole; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to observe those

events of true purpose and worthy accomplishment that recognize the need for the understanding of a global perspective on student and youth development and education methodologies which will lead to the betterment of all students across the globe; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize January 24, 2020, as the International Day of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Secretary General of the United Nations.