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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
July 20, 2021, as Eid al-Adha Day in the State of
New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those who foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 20, 2021, as Eid al-Adha Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Eid al-Adha is the latter of the two Islamic holidays celebrated worldwide each year and is considered the holier of the two; and

WHEREAS, Also referred to as Tabaski, it honors the willingness of Ibrahim (Abraham) to sacrifice his son Ismael as an act of obedience to God's command; before Ibrahim could sacrifice his son, however, Allah provided a lamb to sacrifice instead; and

WHEREAS, In commemoration of this intervention, an animal, usually a sheep, is sacrificed ritually; one third of its meat is consumed by the family offering the sacrifice, while the rest is distributed to the poor and needy; furthermore, sweets and gifts are given, and extended family are visited and welcomed; and

WHEREAS, In the Islamic lunar calendar, Eid al-Adha falls on the 10th day of Dhu al-Hijjah, and lasts for four days; in the international calendar, the dates vary from year to year, shifting approximately 11 days earlier each year; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to acknowledge various cultures of people who add to the overall diversity of our State and, on this occasion, we take the opportunity to recognize the contributions made by Muslims and extend best wishes to all of its members as they hold appropriate ceremonies to commemorate this milestone; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 20, 2021, as Eid al-Adha Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.