

Assembly Resolution No. 581

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RECOGNIZING February 28, 2022, the day connecting Black History Month and Women's History Month, as a day to honor and salute Black women

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the exceptional and valuable contributions Black women have made to both the State of New York and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize February 28, 2022, the day connecting Black History Month and Women's History Month, as a day to honor and salute Black women; and

WHEREAS, Black women have excelled in all areas of life, from the arts, government, math, science, business, agriculture, teaching, and family; from Shirley Chisholm, Lucy French, and Harriet Tubman, to Georgia Powers, Mae Street Kidd, and to the unknown Black women who have given their all; and

WHEREAS, Black women have helped to shape America's history and have been the solid foundation of both the Black community and the Black church; and

WHEREAS, Black women have faced many obstacles but have consistently shown up in the world with beauty, authenticity, and inspiration; they are experts at making lemonade out of life's lemons; and

WHEREAS, Black women have historically been champions for all people and races; they have sought out oppression everywhere it has existed and are staunch champions for civil rights and a world that works for all people; and

WHEREAS, On February 28, 2022, we celebrate "Mama" and the ancestors who taught Black women to be strong, resourceful, and to do good for the greater good; and

WHEREAS, Monday, February 28, 2022, connects the celebratory months of Black History Month and Women's History Month, and symbolically represents the intersection of being Black and being a woman; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body urges all citizens of the State of New York to honor Black women by acknowledging and celebrating their brilliance, beauty, and boldness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize February 28, 2022, the day connecting Black History Month and Women's History Month, as a day to honor and salute Black women; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to distinguished women of the Black community.