

BY: Senator MYRIE

COMMENDING the Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians in New York, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 28th Annual Panamanian Day Parade on October 7, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which 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 commend the Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians in New York, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 28th Annual Panamanian Day Parade on October 7, 2023, to celebrate and honor the Panamanian community for its contributions to the Borough of Brooklyn and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians in New York, Inc. (DICPNY) was formed by Mauricio Alleyne in 1995 to celebrate and spread Panamanian culture, tradition, and folklore, and to commemorate Panama's separation from Colombia, which took place on November 3, 1903; and

WHEREAS, This historic moment has been celebrated annually for the past 28 years with an exhilarating parade in Brooklyn, which begins on Franklin Avenue and Bergen Street, and heads south to Eastern Parkway, culminating in a street fair on Classon Avenue between President Street and Eastern Parkway; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians in New York, Inc. is to stimulate the appreciation of the Panamanian culture and heritage in the U.S. by providing quality parades, festivals, performances, and cultural exhibits to the community, along with the promotion of area base programs for the cultural growth and development of the youth in the community; and

WHEREAS, 210,000 Panamanians live in the United States, and about 35,000 of them call the state of New York home; the fair, which now attracts over 30,000 people, features displays of arts and crafts as well as Panamanian-Caribbean and Latin American food specialties; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Panamanian Parade has grown tremendously, embracing the participation of Panamanian nationalists, both here in the US and from Panama, as well as other nationalities, elected officials, community leaders, and other dignitaries locally and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the members of DICPNY continue to work tirelessly to promote, enhance, and expand the parade not only to bring Panamanians together, but to also promote friendship, love, and

brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend cultural events which symbolize the historical, social, and cultural development of this great State and embody the spirit of the principles upon which this Nation was founded; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians in New York, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 28th Annual Panamanian Day Parade on October 7, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians in New York, Inc.