

Assembly Resolution No. 2224

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COMMEMORATING the 2nd Anniversary of Latina History Day in the State of New York on June 12, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals and organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 2nd Anniversary of Latina History Day in the State of New York on Wednesday, June 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, New York State is home to nearly four million Latinos, and Latinas have increasingly become a driving force behind the community; and

WHEREAS, Latinas have roots in various cultures and regions of the world, including South America, Central America, the Caribbean, and across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Latina History Day, led and promoted by Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE), presents an opportunity to commemorate the historic and current achievements of Latinas while embracing the rich diversity of the Latina experience; and

WHEREAS, In New York State, Latinas are of all ages and walks of life, including students, teachers, labor leaders, entrepreneurs, community leaders, and elected officials; we take this opportunity to honor the contributions that Latina women have made to our State's history; and

WHEREAS, Employment and wage discrimination, healthcare disparities, and inequities in the education system are still experienced by Latinas, prompting them to advocate for a world with political and economic parity through leadership and education; and

WHEREAS, Latinas are increasingly becoming more politically engaged, contributing to rising rates in voter turnout, and some are elected to public office and appointed to powerful positions; and

WHEREAS, Latinas in New York State emulate legends such as Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Representative Nydia Velazquez, and many others who have set a precedent for others to follow; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; we justly honor

contemporary Latinas who continue building upon the foundation of their predecessors for the betterment of future generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 2nd Anniversary of Latina History Day in the State of New York on June 12, 2024, and to honor its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the citizens of the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Latina leaders in New York State.