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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
June 2023, as Caribbean Heritage Month in the State
of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to the cultural heritage of the ethnic groups which comprise and contribute to the richness and diversity of the community of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in keeping with its time-honored traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2023, as Caribbean Heritage Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Caribbean Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Caribbean Heritage Month commemoration was adopted by the United States House of Representatives in 2005, to recognize the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The resolution passed the Senate in February of 2006, and President George H.W. Bush issued the proclamation in June of the same year; and

WHEREAS, Since the declaration, the White House has issued an annual proclamation recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, The commemoration of Caribbean-American Heritage Month aims to remind Americans that our greatness lies in our diversity; Caribbean immigrants from founding father, Alexander Hamilton, to journalist, Malcolm Gladwell, have helped to shape the American dream; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize those important months which remind us of the rich and diverse heritage of our great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2023, as Caribbean Heritage Month in the State of New York; and be it further

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