

Assembly Resolution No. 674

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COMMEMORATING the 1st Anniversary of Latina
History Day on May 4, 2023

WHEREAS, New York State is home to nearly four million Latinos, and Latinas are increasingly 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, Latinas play an important and critical part in our society; and

WHEREAS, Latinas in New York 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, Latinas still experience employment and wage discrimination, healthcare disparities, and inequities in the education system; and

WHEREAS, Latinas are fighting for a world with political and economic parity through leadership, education, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Latinas are breaking glass ceilings and pioneering in areas our mothers and grandmothers would dream for us; and

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

WHEREAS, Latinas in New York stand on the shoulders of giants like Sylvia Rivera, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Representative Nydia Velazquez, Jennifer Lopez, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Latina History Day presents an opportunity to commemorate the historic and current achievements of Latinas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, We justly celebrate contemporary Latinas who continue to build upon the foundation of their ancestors for the betterment of future generations; and be it further

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