

Assembly Resolution No. 798

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 26, 2024, as the 211th Anniversary of Juan Pablo Duarte Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The people of the Dominican Republic acquired autonomy and sovereignty on the 27th day of February 1844; and

WHEREAS, The Island of Quisqueya, the indigenous name for what later became the island of Hispaniola, was the cradle of thinking and advancement in the western hemisphere, establishing the first university and cathedral of the New World; and

WHEREAS, On the 26th day of January 1813, Juan Pablo Duarte, the founding father of the Dominican Republic, was born; and

WHEREAS, During the month of January 2024, Dominicans will celebrate the 211th Anniversary of Juan Pablo Duarte's birth; and

WHEREAS, Juan Pablo Duarte, along with Francisco Del Rosario Sanchez and Ramon Matias Melia, formed La Trinitaria, a secret organization that initiated the movement for the independence of the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, During the month of January 2024, Dominican Nationals and Dominican Americans from throughout the Dominican Republic and the United States will celebrate the independence of the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious occasion is celebrated and provides an opportunity for all people to reflect upon the rich history of the Dominican Republic and the many contributions of Latin Americans to our country as well as the world; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the great contributions which Dominicans, such as Juan Pablo Duarte, have brought to our State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 26, 2024, as the 211th Anniversary of Juan Pablo Duarte Day 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.