

Senate Resolution No. 1630

BY: Senator SERRANO

COMMEMORATING the 20th Anniversary of Park and Public Lands Advocacy Day on February 25, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to increase public awareness and appreciation of our State's great parks and public lands, as well as to encourage individuals across various communities to come together to help preserve, protect, clean, and care for these public lands and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Park and Public Lands Advocacy Day on Wednesday, February 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Formerly known as Park Advocacy Day, Park & Public Lands Advocacy Day celebrates the growing coalition of all public land champions; and

WHEREAS, 2026 marks two full decades of park advocates gathering at the New York State Capitol to speak to the State's decision-makers on the value of public land; and

WHEREAS, This day provides an opportunity to celebrate the continued investments in New York State's park system, green spaces, and the huge achievements for the organizations' collective advocacy work over the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, New York's public lands and parks are vital resources that shape communities, support wildlife habitats, and benefit both physical and mental health; the safeguarding of these spaces is paramount as they provide opportunities for everyone to explore, play, wonder, unwind, learn, and find inspiration; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, Park & Public Lands Advocacy Day has demonstrated continuous success, benefiting the residents and communities of this great Empire State beyond measure and for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the illustrious events of the State of New York, the focus and intent of which have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Park and Public Lands Advocacy Day on February 25, 2026.