Senate Resolution No. 1726

BY: Senator LIU

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 18, 2026, as Pakistani-American Business Celebration Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The Pakistani-American business community has made significant contributions to the economic growth, job creation, and cultural diversity of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Pakistani-American entrepreneurs and business owners operate successful enterprises throughout New York State in industries including retail, hospitality, technology, finance, healthcare, and real estate, strengthening local economies and revitalizing communities; and

WHEREAS, Pakistani-American businesses serve as important economic and cultural bridges, fostering trade, investment, and people-to-people engagement between New York State and Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, Strengthening and recognizing ties between the State of New York, the Pakistani-American business community and the provinces of Pakistan promote mutual understanding and economic collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Pakistan's provinces of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan offer significant opportunities for trade, investment, innovation, and partnership with New York State, benefiting businesses, workers, and communities in both regions; and

WHEREAS, Pakistani-American business leaders and entrepreneurs have also demonstrated a strong commitment to philanthropy, social responsibility, and community service in New York State and abroad; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to recognize and honor the contributions of Pakistani-American businesses to the prosperity, diversity, and economic vitality of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 18, 2026, as Pakistani-American Business Celebration Day in the State of New York and continue to monitor and review progress in this important domain; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State of New York take measures, as appropriate, to support and promote efforts of Pakistani-American businesses to deepen trade and investment linkages between New York and Pakistan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York; the Consulate General of Pakistan in New York City; and the

American Pakistani Advocacy Group (APAG).