

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).