Assembly Resolution No. 402

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Lower East Side History Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of the neighborhoods which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Lower East Side History Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year in May, Lower East Side cultural and civic groups, small businesses, and residents create a variety of public events, exhibits, tours, and learning opportunities to highlight the unique cultures in different parts of its neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Lower East Side History Month emphasizes the diversity, small businesses and artistic achievements of the Lower East Side, a neighborhood in the southeastern part of the New York City borough of Manhattan which includes the East Village, Chinatown, Two Bridges and Loisaida; and

WHEREAS, Conceived and launched by Fourth Arts Block and Downtown Art, in partnership with various cultural and community groups, Lower East Side History Month aims to connect its present to its past, exploring how its history can inform and inspire its future; and

WHEREAS, The Lower East Side has always welcomed immigrants and helped set them on a path to becoming independent and strong New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Of historic origin, and remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Lower East Side continues to provide the quintessential quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, The residents of the Lower East Side have a bright outlook for the future of their community, which remains a beautiful place in which to live and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, Lower East Side residents exhibited tremendous compassion and strength of character in their community-based efforts to help one another; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Lower East Side's rich history and enduring contribution to the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to this spirited neighborhood; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Lower East Side History Month 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.