Assembly Resolution No. 690

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim August 11-17, 2025, as Puerto Rican Heritage Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those weeks designated to promote ethnic pride and to enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of the great State of New York; 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 August 11-17, 2025, as Puerto Rican Heritage Week in the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Puerto Rican diaspora has a long and important history in New York State and in fact the United States of America where nearly 5.7 million inhabitants of Puerto Rico and people of Puerto Rican heritage or birth reside; and

WHEREAS, This cultural and historical connection to the island of Puerto Rico has been commemorated with multiple celebrations and parades throughout New York, including a parade held June in New York City and a Puerto Rican and Hispanic Heritage parade in Buffalo in August, amongst other cultural festivities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body also celebrates the many community-led grassroots organizations across the great State of New York committed to promoting the cultural contributions of the Puerto Rican diaspora to science, technology, the arts, government and inventions, and those who have served valiantly to protect our country by serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that we continue to honor their contributions while also fostering a sense of purpose and conscientiousness in community members who will stand on their shoulders and make their unique mark on our state and the nation, while also encourage all students to understand the value of ethnic diversity in our state and country, for developing ethnic literacy fosters pride in one's own culture and a respect and appreciation for the uniqueness of others; and

WHEREAS, Puerto Rican Heritage Week honors the contributions of Puerto Ricans who continue to make contributions towards building a nation where people of many lands and cultures have historically come together; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim August 11-17, 2025, as Puerto Rican Heritage Week 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.