Assembly Resolution No. 784

BY: M. of A. Peoples-Stokes

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 1, 2025, as Canada Day in the State of New York, in celebration of this great Empire State's long-standing economic and cultural relationship with Canada

WHEREAS, New York and Canada share deeply rooted economic, historical, cultural, and familial ties; and

WHEREAS, New York and Canada share an international border measuring 445 miles in length with 17 international border crossings, including three of the United States' top 10 busiest border crossings; they also feature many important international trade corridors, including the Quebec-New York Corridor, Capitol Corridor, Continental One, as well as the second-busiest crossing between Canada and the United States at the Peace Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Canada is New York's primary export market, with $28.9 billion in exports and over $50 billion in bilateral trade in 2022; and

WHEREAS, This relationship has led to 801 Canadian-owned companies operating in the State of New York employing 58,750 New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, The economies of Canada and New York are tightly linked through integrated cross-border supply chains that keep our firms competitive; and

WHEREAS, Canada and the United States' mutual security and prosperity rely upon these predictable and secure trading relationships; and

WHEREAS, The United States and Canada share a long-standing commitment to working together for our common defense, security, and the continuation of this successful relationship through the North American Aerospace Defense Command; NORAD is paramount to the future security of the people of the United States and Canada; this includes the NORAD subordinate sector command the Eastern Air Defense Sector, in Rome, NY; and

WHEREAS, The United States and Canada have a shared commitment to protect the health and well-being of Americans and Canadians and have agreed upon a joint roadmap to strengthen comprehensive and cross-sectoral efforts to collaborate on public health responses and build resilience against future outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, New York and Canada also share a commitment to equity, inclusion, and diversity, highlighting it as a source of strength; their shared virtue can vanquish intolerance, hate, and radicalism both at home and across the globe; and

WHEREAS, New York and Canada are committed partners in addressing the challenge of climate change and creating a stronger, more sustainable economy through energy trade, shared innovation development, and aligned policies and goals; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the importance of strong North American supply chains, New York and Canada promote initiatives such as the NY-Quebec corridor for semiconductors; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating the partnership of New York and Canada, the groundbreaking Champlain Hudson Power Express was introduced, a project that will bring clean and renewable Canadian hydropower to fuel over one million homes in New York City, create 1,400 direct construction jobs, 3,200 secondary jobs, and generate $1.4 billion in funding for 73 municipalities and 59 school districts over 25 years across New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 1, 2025, as Canada Day in the State of New York; 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; and Consul General Tom Clark of the Consulate General of Canada in New York.