Assembly Resolution No. 801

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CONGRATULATING Pope Leo XIV upon his election as the first American Pope and extending best wishes for his spiritual leadership and global ministry as the leader of the Catholic Church

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and commend spiritual leaders whose influence extends across nations and whose ministry brings hope, unity, and moral guidance to millions; and

WHEREAS, On May 8, 2025, Pope Leo XIV was elected to the papacy, becoming the first American Pope and the 268th successor to Saint Peter and the supreme pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, a position of great responsibility and spiritual significance; and

WHEREAS, The election of Pope Leo XIV has energized the nearly 17,000 Catholic parishes in the United States and the more than 1,300 parishes in New York State, including Most Precious Blood Parish in Walden, New York; and

WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV brings to the papacy a wealth of theological scholarship, pastoral experience, and a deep commitment to social justice, compassion, and interfaith dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his ministry, Pope Leo XIV has exemplified humility, wisdom, and a tireless devotion to the spiritual and moral well-being of people across the globe, embodying the values of peace, charity, and service to the poor and marginalized; and

WHEREAS, His election has been met with great joy and hope by Catholics and non-Catholics alike, who look forward to his leadership in confronting the challenges of the modern world with faith, courage, and a renewed spirit of unity; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and celebrate historic and inspiring moments in the life of the global community, and to commend those whose lives are dedicated to uplifting others through faith and example; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Pope Leo XIV upon his election as the first American Pope and to extend sincere best wishes for a fruitful and inspiring pontificate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Vatican City.