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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 3, 2026, as Canadian Heritage Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, New York and Canada share many additional deep 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 and featuring many important international trade corridors, including the Quebec-New York Corridor, the Capitol Corridor, and 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 \$17 billion in exports and over \$37 billion in annual bilateral trade; and

WHEREAS, This relationship has led to over 1,300 Canadian-owned companies operating in the State of New York employing over 55,000 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; Canada and New York recognize the importance of strong North American supply chains as displayed through initiatives such as the NY-Quebec corridor for semiconductors; and

WHEREAS, Canada and the United States' mutual security and prosperity rely upon these predictable and secure trading relationships across a border that is both safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, The United States and Canada share a long-standing commitment to working together for our common defense and 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, New York; and

WHEREAS, The United States and Canada have a shared commitment to protecting the health and well-being of Americans and Canadians and have agreed through 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 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, Canada and New York celebrate this partnership with the upcoming completion of the Champlain Hudson Power Express, a project that will provide competitively priced hydropower from Quebec that is expected to deliver enough clean energy to power over one million homes and is expected to reduce harmful emissions by 3.7 million metric tons, the equivalent of removing approximately 44 percent of the cars from New York City streets; in addition, the project is also expected to provide a total of \$3.5 billion in economic benefits to New Yorkers and create approximately 1,400 family-sustaining jobs during construction, with a commitment to use a significant amount of union labor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 3, 2026, as Canadian Heritage 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.