

Senate Resolution No. 5738

**BY:** Senator PERALTA

**COMMEMORATING** the 208th Anniversary of the Mexican Declaration of Independence from Spain on September 16, 2018

**WHEREAS,** Highly developed cultures, including the Olmecs, Mayans, Toltecs, and Aztecs, existed long before the Spanish conquest of Mexico by Hernan Cortes in 1521; and

**WHEREAS,** Father Miguel Hidalgo declared the Mexican independence from Spain September 16th, 1810, in the city of Dolores, in the central state of Guanajuato; and

**WHEREAS,** Father Hidalgo's famous proclamation, "End to bad government!", popularly known as the "Grito de Dolores" (the cry of Dolores), was the beginning of a decade-long war of independence; and

**WHEREAS,** On December 6, 1810, Hidalgo decreed the abolishment of slavery in the city of Guadalajara, for the first time in the Americas; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1811, Hidalgo and his followers were captured and executed in the state of Chihuahua; Hidalgo's leadership was then assumed by Father Jose Maria Morelos; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1813, the Congress of Chilpancingo, convened by Morelos, signed the "Solemn Act of the Declaration of Independence of Northern America"; Father Morelos was subsequently captured and executed by the Spanish Crown; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1820, with the insurgency about to collapse, Spain sent an army led by General Agustin de Iturbide, who instead of quenching the revolts, joined its forces; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1821, the formerly Spanish General Agustin de Iturbide and representatives of the Spanish Crown, signed the Treaty of Cordoba, recognizing Mexican Independence from Spain; and

**WHEREAS,** After a short period of a monarchic government, in 1824, a republican constitution was drafted and Mexico would then be led by its first President, Guadalupe Victoria; and

**WHEREAS,** Mexico's war for independence was one of the longest in all of the Americas; and

**WHEREAS,** Many Mexicans have made New York their home, and this Legislative Body is justly proud to thank the Mexican people for their contributions to this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the 208th Anniversary of the Mexican Declaration of Independence from Spain on September 16, 2018; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Diego Gomez Pickering, Consul General of Mexico in New York, and the various Mexican civic organizations in the State of New York.