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RECOGNIZING October 1, 2019, as China Day and the first week of October 2019, as Chinese American Heritage Week to strengthen the friendship and bilateral relationship between the State of New York and Chinese Americans

WHEREAS, The United States officially normalized relations with the People's Republic of China in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral relationship and to advance mutual security and commercial interests between the U.S. and China; and

WHEREAS, The United States and China share a long term economic relationship, with \$659.8 billion in bilateral trade in 2018, making China the largest trading partner of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York exported \$3.3 billion worth of products to China, making the 8th largest foreign market for the State of New York, and the bilateral trade and investment have created tens of thousands of jobs in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Chinese American helped completed the Transcontinental Railroad and 1 in 5 Chinese Americans enlisted to serve in World War II; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is home to a thriving overseas ethnic Chinese communities that support the People's Republic of China, including the America Chinese Development Center, Asian American Community Empowerment, American Chinese Commerce Association, that devoted themselves to the harmony and development of the community of the State of New York, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize October 1, 2019, as China Day and the first week of October 2019, as Chinese American Heritage Week to strengthen the friendship and bilateral relationship between the State of New York and Chinese Americans; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China, and to Consul General Huang Ping of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in New York.