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COMMEMORATING the 51st Anniversary of the
Independence of the United Arab Emirates

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to the cultural heritage of the ethnic groups which comprise and contribute to the richness and diversity of the community of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 51st Anniversary of the Independence of the United Arab Emirates; and

WHEREAS, Independence Day is a significant public holiday in the United Arab Emirates; it is celebrated on December 2nd every year and is the day the country attained its independence in 1971, and its British protectorate status ended; and

WHEREAS, The United Arab Emirates, is a constitutional federation of seven emirates; and

WHEREAS, In gaining independence, today, the United Arab Emirates is a nation of 9.89 million people and is projected to continue to grow until 2033; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 200 nationalities living and working in the United Arab Emirates; and

WHEREAS, The United Arab Emirates has witnessed impressive economic and urban revolutions, crowning it as one of the leading touristic destinations and investment hub, both regionally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, The United Arab Emirates has contributed many important initiatives in the State of New York such as the Crotona Park Soccer Field and the 5K 50th United Arab Emirates Anniversary in Prospect Park; and

WHEREAS, New York is one of the top five exporting states to the United Arab Emirates that range from financial services to supporting thousands of jobs annually; and

WHEREAS, New York is also the largest United States port for United Arab Emirates trade, with total trade growing from \$626 million in 1999 to \$1.9 billion in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Beyond trade, United Arab Emirates investments in the United States support the creation of local jobs and provide liquidity to capital markets that spur innovation and advancements in many sectors, including aerospace, manufacturing, high technology, real

estate and logistics; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body declares December 2, 2022, as Emirati Day in New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the United Arab Emirates upon the occasion of such events of significance which foster ethnic pride and exemplify the cultural diversity that represents and strengthens the fabric of the people and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 51st Anniversary of the Independence of the United Arab Emirates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the United Arab Emirates Consul General, and the United Nations Ambassador.