Senate Resolution No. 463

BY: Senator LIU

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 19, 2025, as Pakistani-American Business Celebration Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The economic and cultural vitality of New York State is strengthened by the diverse contributions of immigrant communities, including the Pakistani-American business community, which has played a significant role in the growth and prosperity of our state; and

WHEREAS, Pakistani-American entrepreneurs and business owners have established thriving enterprises across New York State, contributing to a wide range of industries, including retail, hospitality, technology, finance, healthcare, real estate, and manufacturing, while creating jobs and economic opportunities for countless New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Pakistani-American businesses have been instrumental in fostering economic development, revitalizing neighborhoods, and supporting local economies, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to innovation, resilience, and the pursuit of the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, These businesses not only serve as engines of economic growth but also enrich the cultural fabric of New York but sharing the rich heritage, traditions, and values of the Pakistani-American community through food, art, fashion, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing and Strengthening ties between the State of New York and Pakistani-American business and the Provinces of Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, Pakistan's provinces - Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Baluchistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Azad Jammu & Kashmir - are rich in history, resources, and innovation, providing opportunities for meaningful collaboration with New York State; and

WHEREAS, The promotion of trade, business, and investment between New York-based enterprises and industries in Pakistan's provinces will enhance economic opportunities and strengthen bilateral relations; and

WHEREAS, Fostering ties between New York and Pakistan's provinces will encourage people-to-people diplomacy, civic engagement, and community partnerships that advance shared goals of prosperity and peace; and

WHEREAS, Pakistani-American business leaders and entrepreneurs have actively contributed to philanthropic initiatives, disaster relief efforts, and charitable causes, supporting their communities both in New York and abroad, embodying a spirit of generosity and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we recognize and honor the invaluable contributions of Pakistani-American businesses to the State of New York,

acknowledging their role in fostering economic progress, cultural diversity, and community empowerment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 19, 2025, as Pakistani-American Business Celebration 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; the Pakistani Consulate in New York City; and the American Pakistani Advocacy Group (APAG).