

**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).