

Assembly Resolution No. 1460

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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 27, 2026, as Taiwan Heritage Day in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** The United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) share common values and a clear vision for the 21st century, where freedom and democracy serve as the foundation for peace, prosperity, and progress; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States and Taiwan share a close, long-term economic relationship, including \$158.60 billion in bilateral trade in 2024, making Taiwan the 7th largest trading partner of the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** The first agreement under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade was signed on June 1, 2023, which is conducive to deepening the existing trade partnership and enhancing U.S.-Taiwan trade flows to promote innovation and inclusive economic growth for workers and businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international education and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide Mandarin language instruction; and

**WHEREAS,** Taiwan is a trustworthy partner in mitigating the impact of natural disasters by providing disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, and medical assistance; and

**WHEREAS,** Many of the United States' top 500 companies headquartered in New York have invested in Taiwan, while more than 300 Taiwanese companies have invested in the State of New York, contributing to a mutually beneficial relationship; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York is home to a thriving overseas ethnic Chinese community, including organizations such as the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Taiwan Center, Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of New York, and Chinese Chamber of Commerce of New York; these organizations devote themselves to the harmony and development of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this legislative body pauses in its deliberations to proclaim May 27, 2026, as Taiwan Heritage 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; His Excellency Lai Ching-te, President of the Republic of China (Taiwan); and Tom Chih-Chiang Lee, Ambassador of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York.

