

Assembly Resolution No. 1568

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COMMEMORATING the inaugural Jamaica Rising Day Parade in the United States on August 8, 2026, in Brooklyn, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor events of cultural and historical significance which exemplify the rich diversity and enduring contributions of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the inaugural Jamaica Rising Day Parade in the United States, to be held on Saturday, August 8, 2026, in Brooklyn, New York, an event which will celebrate the vibrant cultural heritage of Jamaica and the Jamaican-American community; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of Jamaican independence affirms the culture, identity, and self-esteem of a people; it honors a rich heritage and illuminates Jamaican history and tradition, as well as the spirit of an indomitable people; and

WHEREAS, The mission of this parade includes the celebration and protection of Jamaican culture, music, heritage, education, global influence, and community empowerment; and

WHEREAS, The parade route, beginning on Flatbush Avenue and Nostrand Avenue and concluding on Washington Avenue and Empire Boulevard, will showcase the colors, sounds, and spirit of the Jamaican identity; and

WHEREAS, Every year, August 6th is celebrated as Independence Day in Jamaica; the country acquired its independence from the British colonial powers on August 6, 1962, after years of political subjugation; initially a Spanish territory, Jamaica was soon taken over by the British in the 17th Century; and

WHEREAS, This year will mark the 64th anniversary of Jamaica's independence, and the first ever Jamaican Rising Day Parade stands as a proud testament to the lasting cultural impact, unity, and contributions of the Jamaican-American community on the anniversary of its independence, and serves as a celebration of heritage, history, and the vibrant diversity that enriches the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The members and leadership of the Jamaica Rising Day Parade Executive Leadership and Advisory Council are to be commended for their tireless commitment to cultural preservation, education, and the celebration of Jamaican identity, and for their efforts to foster multicultural understanding throughout the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the inaugural Jamaican Rising Day Parade in the United States on August 6, 2026, in Brooklyn, New York, and to applaud the Jamaican-American community for their outstanding contributions to the cultural fabric of this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Jamaica Rising Day Parade Executive Leadership & Advisory Council.