

Assembly Resolution No. 1595

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**RECOGNIZING** December 13, 2026, as Dominican  
Gastronomy Day in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York is home to a vibrant and diverse population whose cultural traditions enrich the social, economic, and civic life of the state; and

**WHEREAS,** The Dominican community constitutes one of the largest and most dynamic immigrant populations in New York State, contributing significantly to its growth, vitality, and cultural fabric; and

**WHEREAS,** Dominican gastronomy represents a vital expression of cultural identity, history, and heritage, reflecting generations of tradition, resilience, and creativity; and

**WHEREAS,** Dominican cuisine has transcended the cultural sphere to become a driving force for economic development, generating thousands of jobs and strengthening the small business ecosystem, particularly in communities such as Washington Heights and the Bronx; and

**WHEREAS,** Dominican-owned restaurants, food vendors, and culinary entrepreneurs play a critical role in local economies, fostering community development, tourism, and cross-cultural exchange; and

**WHEREAS,** The recognition of Dominican gastronomy provides an opportunity to celebrate and elevate the contributions of Dominican chefs, restaurateurs, and food workers across New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Dominican Gastronomy Day serves to promote greater awareness and appreciation of the cultural and economic contributions of the Dominican community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize December 13, 2026, as Dominican Gastronomy Day in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That all residents are encouraged to observe this day by recognizing, celebrating, and supporting Dominican culinary traditions and businesses throughout the New York State; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That this observance serves to highlight the enduring legacy and ongoing contributions of the Dominican community to the prosperity and cultural richness of New York State.