

Assembly Resolution No. 1611

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COMMEMORATING the 251st Birthday of the United States Marine Corps

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace, deserve recognition from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend members of the United States Marine Corps, who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 251st Birthday of the United States Marines Corps on Tuesday, November 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Since its creation on November 10, 1775, by a Resolution of the Second Continental Congress, the United States Marine Corps has protected our citizens and preserved our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, Through their superb skills in carrying out integrated land, sea, and air operations, the officers and enlisted men and women of the United States Marine Corps have earned the respect and gratitude of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Just as our country has established for itself a position of world leadership, the members of the United States Marine Corps have proven themselves to be dedicated professionals, willing to defend lives and protect the rights of our citizens and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Marines have fought in every American armed conflict beginning with the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, A United States Marine is trained to hold his ground against any odds and to ever stand ready to fight anytime, anywhere the President or Congress may designate; currently, the Marine Corps has more than 200,000 active and reserve troops; and

WHEREAS, The term Marine has fittingly been associated with courage and military efficiency and, the Marine Corps' motto "Once a Marine, Always a Marine" has long been associated with loyalty and dedication; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of New York are proud of the United States Marine Corps' rich heritage and unwavering dedication to our country; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their

lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad, these men and women demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's Marines deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for their dedication to their communities, their State and their Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 251st Birthday of the United States Marine Corps on November 10, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the United States Marine Corps.