

Assembly Resolution No. 186

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COMMEMORATING the 35th Anniversary of Lithuania
Independence Restoration Day

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to the cultural heritage of the ethnic groups which comprise and contribute to the richness and diversity of the community of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate and celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Lithuania Independence Restoration Day; and

WHEREAS, Lithuania has been a strong ally of the United States and established diplomatic relations with our Nation on July 28, 1922; together, both countries have celebrated more than 100 years of friendship and a strong global partnership; and

WHEREAS, Despite Lithuania's being occupied by Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during and after World War II, the people of Lithuania never waned from their desire for their own free and independent nation; and

WHEREAS, Through the people's determination and love of country, Lithuania finally obtained its rightfully deserved independence in 1990 and has celebrated Day of Restoration of Independence every year on March 11th; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York proudly boasts having one of the largest Lithuanian American populations and is home to several memorials and tributes, including Lithuania Square, King Jagiello Monument, and the Lithuanian War Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Groups like the Knights of Lithuania continue to promote not only the culture and importance of Lithuania but also the shared bond between Lithuania and the United States; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such a significant event which fosters ethnic pride and exemplifies the cultural diversity that represents and strengthens the fabric of the Lithuanian people, the State of New York, and the country of Lithuania; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate and joyfully celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Lithuania Independence Restoration Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Lithuanian Consul General to New York and to the

Knights of Lithuania.