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COMMEMORATING Uzbeki Heritage Day on August 31, 2025, and honoring the history, resilience, and cultural contributions of the Uzbek community

WHEREAS, The strength of a society lies in the diversity, culture, and history of its people, and the Uzbek community has made significant contributions to the arts, sciences, and global culture over the centuries; and

WHEREAS, Uzbeki Heritage Day, observed annually on August 31, commemorates the Day of Uzbeki Independence, marking Uzbekistan's declaration of independence from the Soviet Union on September 1, 1991, and the establishment of the sovereign nation of Uzbekistan; and

WHEREAS, The Uzbek people have a rich and diverse cultural heritage, with deep historical roots in Central Asia, and have made enduring contributions to literature, music, architecture, and the sciences, shaping the cultural landscape of the region for centuries; and

WHEREAS, The Uzbek community has shown resilience through various periods of hardship, including political and social upheaval, and has maintained a strong connection to its traditions, language, and cultural practices; and

WHEREAS, Uzbek Americans and those of Uzbek descent have significantly contributed to the United States in fields such as business, education, arts, and government, while also sharing and celebrating their cultural heritage with their communities; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to continue promoting education and understanding of Uzbek history, language, and culture, ensuring that their legacy is preserved and appreciated as an integral part of global civilization; and

WHEREAS, The experiences of the Uzbek people, particularly their path to independence, serve as an important reminder of the values of freedom, self-determination, and the importance of preserving cultural identity and sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York recognizes and honors the enduring legacy and contributions of the Uzbek community, reaffirming its commitment to cultural inclusion, historical remembrance, and the protection of human rights for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate August 31, 2025, as Uzbeki Heritage Day, acknowledging the historical significance of Uzbek independence, honoring the resilience of the Uzbek people, and reaffirming a commitment to education, remembrance, and the celebration of cultural diversity.

