

Assembly Resolution No. 288

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RECOGNIZING March 31, 2025, as COVID Survivors Day

WHEREAS, March 31, 2020, marked a tragic milestone in New York's history, as the first known death of a child from COVID-19 was reported in the state, underscoring the devastating impact of the pandemic on individuals and families across all demographics; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in over 79,000 deaths in New York State and more than 6.7 million confirmed cases, profoundly affecting families, communities, and the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, Survivors of COVID-19, including those who have suffered severe illness, long-term complications, and the lasting effects of Long COVID, continue to grapple with medical, financial, and emotional hardships as they work to rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, Healthcare workers, first responders, and essential workers have played an invaluable role in supporting and caring for those affected by COVID-19, often at great personal risk, demonstrating unwavering dedication and sacrifice throughout the crisis; and

WHEREAS, The recognition of COVID-19 survivors is essential to acknowledging the ongoing challenges faced by those who continue to suffer from the physical and psychological effects of the disease, and to fostering a broader understanding of the need for continued research, support, and healthcare access for those impacted; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing March 31, 2025, as COVID Survivors Day serves as a tribute to the resilience and strength of individuals and families affected by the pandemic, while also honoring the memory of those lost and reaffirming our collective commitment to building a healthier, more prepared, and more compassionate society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize March 31, 2025, as COVID Survivors Day to support all those who have endured the effects of COVID-19, and to advocate for continued awareness, medical research, and resources to aid in the recovery and well-being of survivors and their families.