

Assembly Resolution No. 470

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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating International Romani Day on April 8, 2025, and recognizing the cultural heritage, resilience, and contributions of the Romani people

WHEREAS, The strength of a society lies in the diversity, culture, and traditions of its people, and the Roma have played an integral role in the global cultural heritage for centuries; and

WHEREAS, International Romani Day, observed annually on April 8, serves as an opportunity to celebrate the rich history, traditions, and contributions of the Romani people, while also raising awareness of the challenges they continue to face; and

WHEREAS, The Romani people have enriched the world through their artistic expressions, including music, dance, and literature, which have profoundly influenced global culture and society; and

WHEREAS, Despite centuries of adversity, discrimination, and persecution, the Romani people have demonstrated extraordinary resilience and perseverance in preserving their unique heritage and identity; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to continue promoting education, understanding and inclusion, fostering greater awareness and respect for Romani communities worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York recognizes and celebrates the contributions of the Romani people, honoring their achievements and reaffirming a commitment to justice, equality, and human rights for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate International Romani Day on April 8, 2025, acknowledging the history, culture, and invaluable contributions of the Romani people.