Assembly Resolution No. 541

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 28, 2025, as Nepali-American Heritage Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 28, 2025, as Nepali American Heritage Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal is a trusted ally of our great State and Nation, sharing our values of democracy, pluralism, freedom, and conservation; and

WHEREAS, The modern government of Nepal began on Jestha 15, 2065 on the Nepali calendar, when the newly-elected Constituent Assembly convened for the first time and declared Nepal a federal democratic republic, and its anniversary is now celebrated in Nepal as Republic Day; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in the 1990s, people began emigrating from Nepal in large numbers to the United States, which is now proudly home to about 200,000 Nepali Americans; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is home to over 15,000 Nepali Americans, living predominantly in New York City and concentrated in Queens, where they constitute one of the fastest-growing populations in the city; and

WHEREAS, There is a vibrant Nepali American community in the State of New York, impressing upon us their culture and values, and making outstanding contributions in the arts, sciences, academics, business, sports, religion, politics, and philanthropy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 28, 2025, as Nepali American Heritage Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Consul General of Nepal and various Nepalese organizations throughout the State of New York.