Assembly Resolution No. 752

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 3, 2025, as Panamanian Independence Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commemorate significant historical events and the rich cultural traditions of the diverse communities that contribute to the heritage and vibrancy of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 3, 2025, Panamanian Independence Day in the State of New York, in honor of the Republic of Panama's declaration of independence from Colombia on November 3, 1903; and

WHEREAS, Panama, formerly a part of Colombia, since 1821, sought to assert its autonomy and self-determination, and through peaceful means, declared its independence on November 3, 1903-a milestone event that paved the way for the establishment of the sovereign nation of Panama; and

WHEREAS, November 3rd is now celebrated in Panama and by Panamanian communities around the world as Separation Day, a day of patriotic pride, national reflection, and cultural celebration; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is home to a vibrant and growing Panamanian-American community whose cultural, civic, economic, and social contributions greatly enrich the life of this State; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of Panamanian Independence Day offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's enduring legacy, honor its cultural traditions, and recognize the strength and unity of the Panamanian people, both in their homeland and throughout the diaspora, especially here in New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 3, 2025, as Panamanian Independence Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, and representatives of the Panamanian-American community in New York State.