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IN SENATE

May 30, 2025

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Procurement and Contracts

AN ACT in relation to directing the commissioner of the office of general services to erect a monument to be known as the "New York state African slavery and freedom memorial"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The commissioner of the office of general services is hereby authorized and directed to erect a suitably marked monument in the Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza, in the city of Albany, county of Albany, dedicated to the memory of those victims of the African Holocaust, the Holocaust of Enslavement, the Black Holocaust, or the enslavement of Black people and to celebrate the universal values of freedom, democracy and human rights for all people. Such monument shall be known as the "New York state African slavery and freedom memorial" and shall be designed to memorialize the Black victims of slavery in New York state and to educate the public about the history of slavery, racism and other harms against Black people in New York state and the universal values of freedom, democracy, and human rights for all.

§ 2. The commissioner of the office of general services shall solicit from organizations proposals and suggestions for the design, programming and location of such monument to be erected pursuant to section one of this act.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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