

## 2017-J2312

Senate Resolution No. 2312

BY: Senator HOYLMAN

HONORING Harvey Milk Day

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge extraordinary occasions and persons who enrich the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 87th Birthday of Harvey Milk on Monday, May 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk's extraordinary work championing human rights lives on; and

WHEREAS, Milk was born in Woodmere, New York in 1930, and attended college at what would become the State University of New York at Albany; and

WHEREAS, Upon his election to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977, Harvey Milk made history as one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Board of Supervisors, Milk sponsored a civil rights bill that prohibited discrimination based on sexual

orientation, which passed and became one of his most enduring contributions to public life; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk's life was cut tragically short when he was assassinated in 1978 after serving in office for just 11 months; and

WHEREAS, As we celebrate Harvey Milk's birthday, we recognize his legacy as a passionate advocate for the civil rights of all people without regard to sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the life of the late Harvey Milk as we commemorate his 87th birthday.